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At the same time, the CNMI also agreed to the rate proposed by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement for the use of

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Friends of Marpi said it's “not yet too late to do the right thing” but as of yesterday, the installation of power poles along Marpi's scenic route continues amid overcast skies and rain.

The group opposed to the installation has been calling on the government to impose a moratorium on the project and begin holding public hearings. It said the power poles will destroy Marpi's natural beauty.

Responding to the Capital Improvement Project Office and the Fitial administration's earlier statement that it's “inappropriate” to stop the project now, Tina Sablan of Friends of Marpi said that moving forward with the project is what's inappropriate.

“The only ‘appropriate’ course of action would be to listen to the concerns of the community, and finally show

some good faith by addressing them. It is not too late to stop the power pole project now—engineers we have spoken to have all agreed the poles can be easily removed and will still have value as CUC must regularly replace old and rotting

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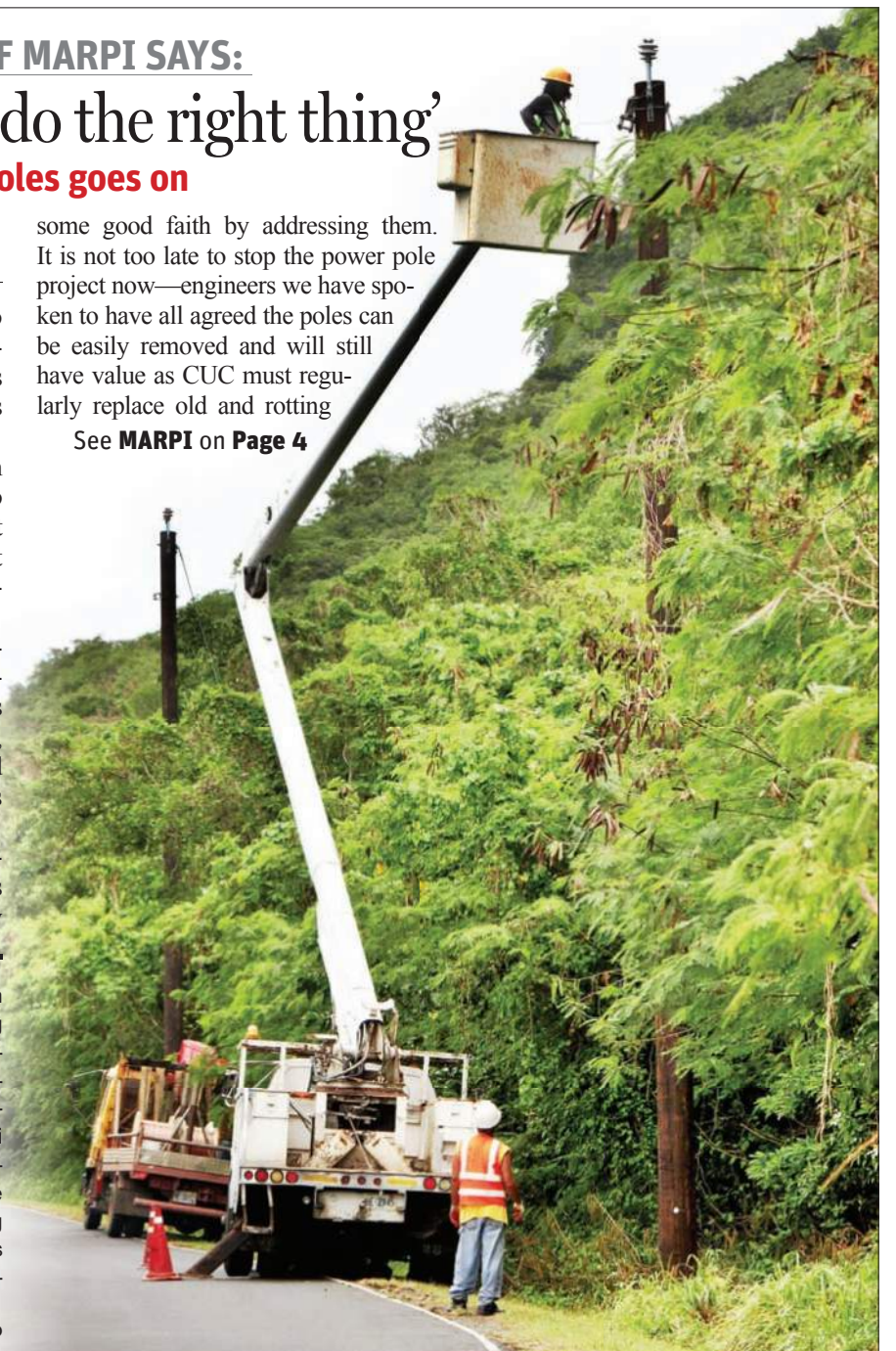
Despite community members' opposition to the construction of power poles along Marpi's scenic drive, work on these utilities poles continues as of yesterday afternoon. The government says this project will supply power to the new Marpi public cemetery and the Veterans Cemetery, but Friends of Marpi says there are better ways to do this such as using standalone alternative energy sources that do not need poles and wires that obstruct Marpi's natural beauty.

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## Japan nuke crisis level

Answers to some questions about Japan's decision to raise the assessment of its nuclear crisis to the most severe rating—on the same level as the Chernobyl disaster—and health and safety concerns.  
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## Local



# Japan and Chernobyl disasters

Japan raised the assessment of its nuclear crisis to the most severe rating Tuesday, on the same level as the Chernobyl disaster, the world's worst to date. Some answers to questions about the assessment and health and safety concerns:

**Q. Has the situation at the Japanese nuclear power plant worsened?**

**A.** No. The heaviest radiation leaks at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear complex occurred in the first days after the March 11 earthquake-triggered tsunami crippled the plant's cooling systems. Workers are trying to lower temperatures in the overheated nuclear reactors, but still

don't have full control. Problems persist, like the leak into the ocean plugged last week, but authorities say the radiation leaks are declining.

**Q. If the situation's not getting worse, why did Japan raise its assessment of the crisis?**

**A.** The decision was based on new assessments of radiation leaks since the crisis began, rather than on deteriorating conditions. The new data showed emissions exceeding the threshold for a "major accident," level 7 on a 1-to-7 scale set by the International Atomic Energy Agency. Only one accident has previously rated 7, the 1986 meltdown at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant.

**Q. So is Japan's crisis as bad as Chernobyl's?**

**A.** Not yet. Chernobyl was a fast-moving crisis. A routine shutdown went awry, causing

a reactor to overheat, explode and burn. For 10 days, the reactor spewed high levels of radiation into the air and only cooled after helicopters dropped sand, clay, lead and other materials on it. By contrast, Fukushima crisis has been a slow cascade of problems over a month. Explosions occurred at three of Fukushima's reactors and one may be leaking. But the two plants' reactor designs are different. Unlike Chernobyl's reactors, Fukushima's have pressure vessels of steel six inches (15 centimeters) thick that may have helped contain the damage.

**Q. Then why the same severity level rating?**

**A.** The IAEA defines a level-7 accident as one in which a large amount of radiation is released into the atmosphere, likely harming human health and damaging the environ-

ment over the long-term. That threshold is set at several tens of thousands of terabecquerels—a unit of radiation—of iodine-131, a radioactive element commonly released in nuclear accidents. Leaks at both plants have exceeded that limit, but the Japanese government says Fukushima's are still one-tenth of those released by Chernobyl. The possibility Fukushima's emissions could surpass Chernobyl's is considered small, but still a risk until Fukushima's cooling systems are restored.

**Q. What are the health risks?**

**A.** Radiation normally occurs in the environment, and at low levels cause no health problems for people. In higher doses, radiation may cause types of cancer. Limiting exposure is key. Because radioactive elements are heavy, they tend to concentrate closest to the source,

in this case the nuclear plant. The Japanese government has evacuated people living near the plant and advised people a bit farther out to stay indoors.

**Q. Are only people close to the plant at risk?**

**A.** Winds have been blowing to the northwest of the plant, rather than out to sea, carrying radioactive elements farther inland. The government has banned the sale of vegetables and milk from certain areas after they showed contamination. The government on Monday also ordered people in five communities outside the evacuation zone to leave to avoid long-term radiation exposure.

**Q. What about people outside Japan?**

**A.** Weather patterns are already carrying traces of radiation from Fukushima to South Korea and China. Airborne radioactive particles have also

## Levels of danger

Japanese authorities have raised the severity rating of their nuclear crisis at Fukushima Dai-ichi plant to the highest level.

### The International Nuclear and Radiological Event Scale

#### Level 7 Major accident

Major release of radioactive material; widespread health and environmental effects

#### Level 6 Serious accident

Significant release; requires planned countermeasures

#### Level 5 Accident with wider consequences

Limited release; several deaths from radiation

#### Level 4 Accident with local consequences

Minor release, at least one death

#### Level 3 Serious incident

Exposure in excess of 10 times annual limit for workers; possible burns from exposure

#### Level 2 Incident

Exposure of statutory annual limits

#### Level 1 Anomaly

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reached the United States. In all cases, the governments say the amounts detected aren't dangerous.

**Q. Didn't people die at Chernobyl?**

**A.** Thirty-one men died mostly from being exposed to very high levels of radiation trying to contain the accident. About 5 million people were exposed to radiation. Higher rates of thyroid cancer have been found among people 18 or younger at the time of the accident. An IAEA study said about 4,000 people would ultimately die from cancer, though a U.N. study estimated cancer deaths at more than twice that number and other groups put the fatalities many times higher.

**Q. Is the same thing happening at Fukushima?**

**A.** At Fukushima, 21 workers have been exposed to radiation doses the equivalent of 100 millisieverts. Two were treated for burns after walking in heavily contaminated water in a plant building. But no deaths from radiation exposure have occurred so far. Cancers often take years or decades to develop.

**Q. What radioactive elements have been found so far?**

**A.** Most measurements have focused on two, iodine and cesium. Radiation from iodine-131 dissipates quickly, falling by half every eight days and nearly disappearing after 80 days. If inhaled or swallowed, it can concentrate in the thyroid and cause cancer. Cesium-137 lingers far longer, 30 years to decay by half and 300 to disappear. Cesium too can build up in the body and is linked to cancers, though studies after Chernobyl did not find an increase in cancers linked to cesium.

Source: The Associated Press



# Diverting funds to NMTI will cripple SHEFA goals—Flores

## Lower chamber prepares to OK Fitial's 9.76 pct. allotment cut

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House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) pre-filed Tuesday a joint resolution that provides legislative approval to and concurrence with Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's 9.76-percent proportional reduction in the allotment of all government branches, offices, departments, agencies, and instrumentalities.

The governor's 9.76-percent allotment cut resulted from a \$10.565 million shortfall in the original projected revenue for fiscal year 2011.

From the initial estimate of \$132.565 million, the current budget has been projected to reach only \$122 million.

Cabrera, in an interview, said House Joint Resolution 17-33 will be introduced at the next session slated after Easter.

As of yesterday, it's not yet known whether the Senate leadership will concur with the governor's 9.76-percent allotment cut.

But Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota), after meeting with the governor last week, said the reduction in budget estimate "gives more reason" for the Senate, House, the administration, and Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan "to work together" so that the CNMI can weather this financial crisis. Manglona is expected to be back from China later this week, along with three other senators.

Under Section 402 of Public Law 17-21 or the fiscal year 2011 budget law, no funds appropriated under the law shall be reduced or reprogrammed by the governor "without prior legislative approval, consultation and concurrence."

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Saipan Mayor Donald Flores strongly opposes a measure that would allocate a quarter of the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance's annual \$3 million budget to the Northern Marianas Trade Institute for three years, saying this would effectively cripple the SHEFA program.

Authored by Rep. Raymond Palacios, House Local Bill 17-39 seeks to divert \$775,000 of SHEFA's yearly earmarks to the institute. The measure is pending at the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for committee review.

Flores claims that the bill, for

all intents and purposes, would stop SHEFA from serving its intended purpose.

"The effect of a three-year earmarking period is more than enough to drag [down] a program of helping our students finish college in a short period of time, which is something we should all avoid if we expect to see our college students return home quickly for employment," said the mayor in a letter to SNILD chair Rep. Ramon A. Tebuteb.

Flores said the impact of the bill on SHEFA will not only be great, but also predictable.

The SHEFA board itself adopted a decision on Tuesday echoing the mayor's position against the legislation. Flores attended the

board's meeting on Tuesday.

"We need to strongly send a clear message to the delegation about our position on this issue," said SHEFA chair Jose Mafnas.

The SHEFA budget is sourced from poker fee collections and related revenues. With the number of poker units on island steadily dropping, this revenue stream is expected to turn into a trickle.

Once the 25-percent appropriation is approved for the trades institute, Flores believes that this will not be subject to any cuts in the event collections decline during the three-year period.

Therefore, college students "will be the only ones left holding the short end of the stick at

the end of the day," Flores said. "We should not use the easiest way out to make sacrifices, something we believe the bill is attempting to do."

Because the cost of living here and abroad continues to increase, Flores said it makes no sense to reduce the level of financial assistance awards in the process.

As it is right now, SHEFA already gives NMTI scholars \$1,000 each year. The board said this is enough to help institute students complete their education.

The institute earlier indicated that, if the pending bill passes, it may use the money for operations and other expenses such as classrooms.

## Ex-cop's bid to hire investigator and expert for his defense OK'd

The federal court approved yesterday the appointment of an investigator and expert for the defense of a former police officer who faces charges of using excessive force while making a false arrest of two men when he was still with the Department of Public Safety.

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Frances M. Tydingco-Gatewood approved Frankie S. Pangelinan's motion to seek prior authorization for investigative and expert services, but only to the limits listed in the Criminal Justice Act Guidelines.

In her order, the judge said that Pangelinan is authorized to expend up to \$2,400 on investigative services, and another \$2,400 on expert services.

"The court cannot wholly grant [Pangelinan]'s request for prospective approval of investigative and expert fees in excess of the maximum compensation, because the Ninth Circuit must also approve such a request," she said.

The court, Tydingco-Gatewood said, will approve this aspect of Pangelinan's request

and submit the necessary paperwork to the Ninth Circuit for final approval.

Pangelinan was indicted on three counts of deprivation of rights under color of law. He has pleaded not guilty.

According to the indictment, on July 6, 2010, Pangelinan as then police officer, sprayed pepper spray into the eyes of Felipe "Phil" Kalen and Alafonso Anso Kintin, resulting in bodily injury.

Pangelinan allegedly arrested Kalen without probable cause. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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# Man who stole spare tires gets suspended sentence

## » Defendant given credit for saving life of child

A man accused of stealing four Toyota FJ Cruiser spare tires pleaded guilty yesterday and was given a suspended 30-day sentence as part of a plea agreement.

Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo said that Patrick C. Aldan's sentence will be suspended for a year and placed on a one-year probation.

Govendo sentenced Aldan to three months, all suspended except 30 days, with credit for the three days that he had already spent in jail. Suspending the sentence means that the 19-year-old Aldan will not serve jail time if he complies with all the terms and conditions of his sentence for a year.

These conditions include requiring Aldan to pay a \$400 fine, pay all

court costs and probation fees, perform 100 hours of community service, and write a letter of apology to the victims. Aldan was also ordered to pay \$864 in restitution to each victim—George Don Baetge, Ka Yee Siu, and Jesus Calma—and \$864.98 in restitution to the Office of Adult Probation.

"Mr. Aldan, you're getting a break. I hope I will not see you again in court," Govendo told the defendant.

Chief Prosecutor Michael Ernest said the government feels that the sentence is appropriate considering that Aldan has no prior criminal conviction and has pleaded guilty.

Ernest also noted that a couple of years ago, Aldan was among three persons honored by the Department

of Public Safety for saving the life of a 3-year-old boy who nearly drowned at Pau Pau Beach in San Roque.

The Office of the Attorney General had filed two theft cases against Aldan. He agreed to plead guilty to one charge; the other case was dropped. He was represented in the case by assistant public defender Douglas Hartig.

Aldan stole the spare tires of the victims' Toyota FJ Cruisers throughout 2010 in Saipan. Police discovered the theft after Ka Yee Siu reported to the Department of Public Safety on March 29, 2010, that the spare tire mounted on the trunk door of his Toyota FJ Cruiser was missing. When police later searched Aldan's Toyota 4 Runner, they found four spare tires that the defendant had stolen from FJ Cruisers. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**

## MARPI

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poles. It is not too late to hold hearings and implement alternatives to power poles," Sablan said in a letter to CIP Office's Jim Stump.

She said it is also not too late for the CNMI government to "reconsider its decisions, and to work with the community to find more appropriate alternatives to power poles in a place as important and as sacred to us as Marpi."

"And it is never too late to do the right thing," she added.

Despite Friends of Marpi's letters to the CIP Office, public statements, as well as online petition, the CIP Office and the Fitial administration continue to move ahead. The installation of power poles aims to provide power to the new Marpi public cemetery and the Veterans Cemetery.

Stump and press secretary Angel Demapan earlier said it would be "inappropriate" to stop the project now, citing at

least four reasons that include the need to supply power to a public cemetery designed to meet the CNMI's burial needs for the next 100 years, and an existing contract that is nearing completion.

They said that "alternative power supplies were previously used at the Veterans Cemetery and they proved ineffective as they were subject to vandalism and theft, resulting in a loss of investment."

Sablan, a former lawmaker, said what is truly "inappropriate" was the decision to erect more than 43 power poles in a tourist destination as culturally, historically, naturally, and scenically significant as Marpi "without holding a single public hearing to provide information to the community, solicit comments, and consider alternatives in an open and transparent way."

In her letter to Stump, Sablan said it is especially "inappropriate" that the CIP Office opted to move forward with the project without a single hearing in light of six facts, including ignoring or declining to consider the Historic Pres-

ervation Office's request for standalone power sources or underground power lines.

She said around November 2010, before power poles were actually installed, there were already letters to the editor protesting the project.

In December 2010, the Marianas Visitors Authority also wrote a letter to the CIP project manager urging against the installation and asking for more appropriate alternatives.

The new local earthmoving permit for the power pole project issued only recently—on March 25, 2011.

"An apology for the controversy created by the power pole project would only be meaningful if the CNMI government were to make a sincere effort now to address public concerns about the project by holding public hearings so as to gather input, allow proper examination of issues, and provide information to affected property owners, as well as to the community at large, since we are all impacted by this project," Sablan said.

the Susupe prison on Saipan.

The governor said the CNMI's prison complex in Susupe is more "state of the art" than Guam's.

A May 2010 report by the U.S. Government Accountability Office said the CNMI and the Department of Homeland Security must work together so that DHS can implement federal border control and immigration in the CNMI.

One of DHS' component agencies is ICE.

GAO, the investigative arm of the U.S. Congress, recommended that the DHS secretary work with the head of ICE to conclude negotiations with the CNMI government regarding access to detention space.

As a result, ICE has transferred three of 30 aliens to prisons in Guam and Honolulu. Those three are convicted criminals under CNMI or U.S. law, GAO had said.

### 'Increased cost'

The U.S. Marshal Service used to pay the CNMI \$77 per inmate per day. This has been increased to \$85. This covers each detainee's meals, utilities, clothing, and hygiene supplies.

This does not include medical treatment, transportation, and escort/guard services. Mafnas said the CNMI will bill the U.S. Marshal Service for these additional services.

Fitial said if the previous rate of \$77

was kept, it would continue to create a "deficit" on the part of the local government.

Mafnas said the renegotiated and adjusted rate took into consideration "the cost of goods and services, including meals and utilities" that "continue to rise in the CNMI."

"The CNMI DOC must recover the full cost of detention or incarceration," he said.

Mafnas said the new rate was accepted and signed by the CNMI government on March 30, 2011.

"The CNMI government signed and sent its formal acceptance letter to federal authorities on March 30, 2011," he added.

Mafnas said the agreement with the U.S. Marshal Service may be terminated by the CNMI government.

"The CNMI government shall provide no less than 120 calendar days notice of intent to terminate the Agreement," he added.

The CNMI built the \$20.9-million prison complex in Susupe under a consent decree signed with the U.S. Department of Justice after DOJ saw the deplorable conditions of the old prison.

Construction began in 2002. The initial cost was only about \$17 million but due to change orders, as well as procurement protests and counter protests, the project cost ballooned to \$20.9 million. It opened only in February 2008.

## 'Casino investors keeping an eye on Guam buildup'

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The Rota Casino Gaming Commission has said that interested casino investors on Rota have been keeping an eye on the Guam military buildup.

"One investor has made it clear that with the Guam military buildup, they will move in fast if things are moving fast on Guam as to the buildup. There seems to be a plan from this investor to get a fair share of the Guam market," said commission executive director Alfredo Antolin.

Antolin said they are also trying to lobby for Guam to open a commuter airport for Rota "so that tourists will travel in a faster pace to come to Rota, like what is in place between Saipan and Tinian."

"We are working with the mayor of Rota to request Guam to once again open up their commuter airport to that immediate access to Rota is faster from Guam," Antolin told *Saipan Tribune*.

Rota Treasure Island Casino—so far the only casino operator on Rota—remains temporarily closed due to renovation and lack of clients at this time.

Antolin said Rota Treasure Island Casino was expecting a "surge" of players scheduled for March and April but due to the March 11, 2011, quake and tsunami in Japan, "those players either postponed their trip or cancelled for now."

"Also the regular charter flight from Japan to Rota was also cancelled after March 11, 2011," he added.

The commission recently received a \$150,000 investigation fee from another casino investor, SNM Corp., which owns Rota Resort and Country Club.

Antolin said besides these two investors, there are corporations that have been inquiring about the commission's regulations.

The Rota Casino Gaming Commission recently created its website, [www.rotacasino.com](http://www.rotacasino.com), so that investors and the community can get more information.

Antolin said one of the interested investors also plans to set up an Internet or online gaming station on Rota.

On Tinian, the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino remains the first and only operating casino.

Neo Gold Wings Paradise recently informed the Department of Public Lands that it will again pursue its casino resort project on Tinian, with \$1.6 billion in expected investment, higher than its original plan of \$1.2 billion.

Bridge Investment Group is also pursuing its Tinian casino project, so is Marianas Resort Development Corp.

On Saipan where voters twice rejected legalizing casino gambling on their island, the proposal continues to divide the community and the Legislature.

## PACIFIC

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Reporting on the outcome of a conference held early this month, Pacific Island Health Officers Association president Dr. Stevenson Kuartei said yesterday that these non-communicable diseases, or NCDs, cause tremendous suffering among Pacific peoples and consume the largest part of health budgets.

"Of all the nations of the world, Pacific island countries and territories have among very highest rates of NCDs and NCD-risk factors—obesity, alcohol, tobacco, poor diet, and physical inactivity," said Kuartei in a statement issued yesterday.

The statement recapped the outcomes of the 50th meeting of the PIHOA, held in Palau on April 4-8 and attended by more than 90 participants, composed of Pacific health leaders, educators, and development partners. CNMI Public Health Secretary Joseph Kevin Villagomez was among those at the meeting.

U.S. affiliated Pacific islands are currently in a regional state of emergency due to alarmingly high rates of diabetes, cancer, heart disease, and respiratory disease. The Palau conference focused on what the region needs to do to arrest this development.

According to the PIHOA statement, non-communicable diseases—if not addressed—will swamp national budgets and cut productivity, on top of threatening the survival of Pacific people.

Kuartei said the current and future impacts of NCDs on other sectors such as education, agriculture, trade, and fisheries have yet to be measured, particularly in terms of how it affects school absenteeism, learning capacity, worker productivity, and national security.

"It's bad now. But this is just the beginning. Our children are more obese and less active than in any other generation. We've had the earthquake, but the tsunami has yet to hit. Where is the warning system? Why aren't the alarms going off?" asked Kuartei.

"This is an emergency, let's treat it like one," he said, adding that "we're sounding the alarm at the regional level, but it will only have meaning if the same urgency guides work at the national level."

Kuartei, who is also the Republic of Palau's health minister, said the purpose of the four-day meeting was to mobilize and help all partners develop and strengthen their individual and collective responses to the crisis.

"We've got to get past this idea that the NCD problem belongs to the health sector. We'll never solve it that way. It belongs to all of you, to the whole society. Every sector and every community needs to have an NCD plan," he said.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that outcomes of the meeting included draft recommendations from all participants and work plans designed to improve coordination, increase resources, and address gaps among development partners, educational partners, regional associations, and PIHOA directors.



# AG reviewing 9th Circuit opinion on AZ immigration law

» **Review needed to determine if further actions are appropriate**

Attorney General Edward T. Buckingham said yesterday that the CNMI administration is still reviewing the opinion of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit that affirmed the U.S. District Court of Arizona's stay on some provisions of the controversial Arizona immigration law.

When asked for comment about the Ninth Circuit decision, Buckingham only said that the review is needed to de-

termine what, if any, further actions may be appropriate.

He did not respond to *Saipan Tribune's* request for comment on human rights advocate Wendy Doromal's statement that she is hoping the court's decision will stand up as a deterrent to states with Republican governors who are threatening copycat legislation.

Doromal, in her Unheard No More blog, also states that the Arizona law (and the CNMI's P.L. 15-108 and P.L. 17-1) "are clearly pre-empted by federal law."

P.L. 15-108 or CNMI labor reform law took effect in early 2008. P.L. 17-1 or the omnibus

immigration bill asserts CNMI control over nonresident workers, and removes all references to immigration and deportation from the Commonwealth Code

to conform with the federalization law.

Doromal earlier pointed out that, similar to Arizona's immigration law, P.L. 17-1 states that

any alien who fails to register or carry the alien registration with them could face a fine, jail time, or both.

Buckingham approved sup-

porting the brief filed by Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox that supported Arizona's immigration law.

Buckingham also approved the CNMI joining in the appeal to the Ninth Circuit. (**Ferdie de la Torre**)

## Fitial eliminates 10 positions in Saipan mayor's FY2012 budget

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REPORTER

Only \$909,587—or 57 percent—of the \$1.6 million being requested by Saipan Mayor Donald Flores for fiscal year 2012 has been approved by Gov. Benigno R. Fitial in the budget proposal he submitted to the Legislature on April 1.

In addition, Fitial only approved 38 full-time employees for the Mayor's Office, eliminating the 10 FTEs that Flores had asked for to "effectively carry out its constitutional and statutory mandates" such as the stray dog control program and repairs of secondary public rights-of-way.

Flores, in his budget submission letter, said the amount he asked for reflects the "doing more with less in a less vibrant economy" instruction that Fitial had emphasized to all government agencies and offices in their fiscal year 2012 spending.

The total personnel cost that

Fitial endorsed was \$756,088, a 39-percent drop from Flores' request of \$1,245,024.

Professional services funding, which covers attorney's and auditor's fees, was also reduced from \$61,555 to \$18,049.

For equipment rentals, Flores' request of \$98,000 was trimmed to \$57,400 or 59 percent of the amount requested.

Flores' budget request of \$52,000 for repair and maintenance, personnel training cost, and utilities was slashed to just \$7,000—a whopping 86-percent drop.

The mayor's request of \$74,000 for office supplies, which includes books and library materials as well as fuel, was also cut to \$51,100.

Fitial's proposed 2012 budget for the Saipan Mayor's office is a decrease of about 15 percent from its 2011 budget of \$1.07 million, an 18-percent drop from the 2010 budget of \$1.11 million, and a 37-percent decline from the 2009 budget of \$1.44 million.

## Fisher is CUC's new in-house legal counsel

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REPORTER

Months after working as outside counsel for the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., attorney Deborah E. Fisher is now the agency's new general in-house lawyer.

Fisher, formerly of Fisher Huesman, LLC, is a practicing attorney for 17 years and brings varied experience in complex civil matters to the position. She has clerked for current Supreme Court Associate Justice John A. Manglona and former Superior

Court presiding judge Edward Manibusan.

CUC executive director Abe Malae said he believes that bringing Fisher on board will benefit the utility in two ways: Fisher will devote 100 percent of her time to CUC matters and, with the departure of outside counsel Alan Barak, she will represent CUC in matters previously handled by Barak.

"The savings to CUC in legal fees just makes sense," added Malae.

Fisher's contract is for

\$120,000 per annum. Last year, CUC paid its outside counsels about \$350,000. With this new hiring, CUC believes it will save some \$200,000 per year.

When asked about giving up her law practice to work for CUC, Fisher said, "CUC is working so hard to build itself as a successful utility, and I feel good about joining an organization where everyone is giving their all."

Malae noted that in addition to successfully performing many stipulated order requirements

last year, CUC has achieved a number of performance goals: Distribution and non-technical losses are down. Improved water pressure has resulted in 24/7 service from As Terlaje to Quartermaster, San Roque, Tanapag and Lower Base. Engine 8 is finally overhauled after a yearlong delay due to lack of funding. Power reliability has dramatically improved from 2009 to 2011.

Malae said that audited financial statements for 2010 were also completed on time and were declared "clean" for the first time in 20 years.



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# GCA to send 6-member team to help relief efforts in Japan



Nunez



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Robles



Klockowski

By CLARISSA V. DAVID  
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REPORTER

While others pledged financial contributions to aid the victims of the earthquake and tsunami that hit Japan last month, six teachers from Grace Christian Academy have volunteered to form a team and help in actual

relief efforts.

The six-member team is composed of computer teacher Mark Robles, Web designer and worship leader Alain Nunez, third grade teacher Joshua Zwicker, youth pastor and Bible teacher Sarah Klockowski, science teacher Jennifer Douglass, and English teacher Danielle

LaBossiere.

Pastor Ray Kinsella, general superintendent of the Assemblies of God General Council for Marianas and Palau, said these teachers volunteered "to simply help in the relief efforts in any way that they can."

"They stepped forward right at the very beginning and they

really would like to help. Their main motivation is their desire to help," Kinsella told *Saipan Tribune* in a phone interview.

Kinsella said their church checked with the Assemblies of God in Japan to make sure that the team's presence and assistance is "something needed."

"We feel strongly that they're

going to be blessed as much as they would be a blessing. Through the giving of life, love and compassion, they will be a blessing to the people of Japan," said Kinsella, adding that they are "very, very proud" of the team.

He said the team, which is scheduled to leave Saipan this Saturday, will be briefed and trained once they arrive in Tokyo.

The team will then proceed to Tohoku District, one of the hardest hit areas when the 9.0-magnitude earthquake followed by a 10-meter tsunami ravaged Japan on March 11.

Kinsella said the team will be working with Joyce Kitano, ground representative of the Assemblies of God Tokyo General Council, and Shelley Carl, a missionary who will serve as the team coordinator and will be stationed at the church headquarters.

According to Kinsella, they already talked to all team members on what to expect once they reach Japan.

"It's not going to be very easy. This is going to be very difficult not only physically but also emo-

tionally," Kinsella told the team.

The team, he said, was "very aware" of this and felt that "this is something that God wants us to do."

Kinsella disclosed that help poured in from Assemblies of God churches in the U.S. and on Saipan for the team after the plan to help relief efforts in Japan was finalized.

According to Kinsella, the team was able to raise some \$4,500 in a span of two to three weeks for the team's air fares and financial support to aid the relief efforts.

He said church members also gave in-kind donations that would be needed by the team in providing assistance such as boots and raincoats.

"We're confident that we'll have all the support that they need," said Kinsella, adding that monetary support continues to come in even as the Saturday schedule draws near.

Those who want to donate to the team's efforts may call Grace Christian Academy at 322-3320 or 3850.

## Camacho pre-files bill expanding tourism incentive, \$15 tourist fee

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO  
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REPORTER

House floor leader George Camacho (Ind-Saipan) pre-filed yesterday a Fitial administration-sponsored bill expanding the Japan Air Service Stabilization Program law to include other Asian countries and charges passengers from non-U.S. countries an additional \$15 travel and promotion fee.

Camacho's House Bill 17-179 only had one minor change from the administration's draft bill.

The phrase "Southeast Asia" was changed to "Asia" when referring to the expanded target market for the incentive program besides Osaka and Nagoia in Japan.

The term change is to ensure that China and Korea, among other Asian countries, will be covered.

Camacho said yesterday that the issue of whether or not the additional \$15 travel and promotion fee could violate two federal statutes—the Anti Head Tax Act and the Passenger Fee Charge—was not discussed.

House legal counsel John Cool said he trusts that the Fitial administration reviewed the bill in relation to these fed-

eral laws before transmitting a draft to the House.

Agencies and entities, however, could submit their comments on the bill.

The new \$15 fee will be used to promote travel to the CNMI and to "recover costs incurred for enforcement of customs and quarantine laws."

Collections from this new fee will be deposited in a Tourism Promotion Revolving Fund account.

Airlines will collect the \$15 travel and promotion fee and remit it to the CNMI government on or before the 15th of each month.

Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos said revenue from the \$15 fee could supplement collection from the hotel occupancy tax to fund the incentive program for travel agents that are able to bring in tourists from the CNMI from Asian countries during off-peak periods.

Public Law 17-29 seeks to keep more flights operational year-round to the CNMI by earmarking up to \$6.2 million over the next two years to establish the Japan Air Stabilization Program. The cash incentive will come from 20 percent of the hotel occupancy tax in 2011 and 2012.

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**Chacha Ocean View PTSA meeting today**

Chacha Ocean View Jr. High School will be having its third report card night and PTSA meeting today, April 14, 2011, from 5pm to 7pm, in the school cafeteria. The Chacha staff is encouraging all parents and guardians to join us in our third quarter SY 2010-2011 report card night and PTSA meeting. We are encouraging all parents and guardian to call 664-4100 instead of the 237-3921, due to rolling power outage. (PR)

**MHS Class of 2002 alumni meeting**

The Class of 2002 of Marianas High School will be

having a meeting on Friday, April 15, 2011, at the Bolis residence, Navy Hill, Saipan. The meeting will be from 6:30pm to 9pm. For more information, call or text Roxanne Pangelinan at 483-5292 or Beau Tomokane at 483-0805. You can also email Beau, tomokane\_beau@yahoo.com and RSVP on Facebook Group Page if possible. (PR)

**Coalition vs domestic, sexual violence on Marianas Agupa**

This Saturday, April 16, 2011, Marianas Agupa will feature Maisie B. Tenorio, executive director of the Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence. The show is from 10am to 10:30am on Magic 100.3 FM. Topic of discussion will be the sexual assault awareness month and the governor's proclamation against domestic and sexual violence.

The Chamorro talk show program is hosted by Glenn H. Manglona and features reports by former mayor Joseph S. Inos, Thomas D. Mendiola on Rota, and David M. Cing on Tinian. Simultaneous Internet streaming via www.magic100radio.com will be available. (PR)

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Happy birthday greetings go out to Karen Gay Rivera, who is celebrating her special day today, April 14, 2011! Wishing you good health and many more birthdays to come! We love you! Greetings come from Rosalie, Jane, and Shirley.

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The auction shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. The items are being sold **"AS IS"** and **"WHERE IS"**;
2. The items are being sold **WITHOUT WARRANTY** of any type;
3. The public auction will be held at the **CDA Conference Room, Second Floor on Friday, April 15, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.**
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The Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund is soliciting sealed bids for Replacement of the Pump System at the Retirement Fund building, Capitol Hill Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The bid documents and scope of work package is available beginning on Friday, April 1, 2011 at the Northern Marianas Retirement Fund Building.

There will be a pre-bid conference on Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at 10:00 am at the Northern Marianas Retirement Fund Building Conference Room, Capitol Hill Saipan. Questions regarding the project may be submitted in writing to Fax No. (670) 664-8080 or emailed to Ray Ada at adars@nmiretirement.com no later than April 8, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked IFB RF11-003 and submitted with one (1) original and three (3) copies to the Richard Villagomez, Administrator, NMI Retirement Fund, PO Box 501247, Isa Dr., Capitol Hill, Saipan MP 96950, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands not later than 10:00 am, local time, April 25, 2011. If no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside of the CNMI, bids will be publicly opened at 10:00 a.m. local time April 26, 2011 at the Fund Conference Room by the Administrator.

Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Administrator no later than 10:00 am local time on April 25, 2011 and may be transmitted via fax to (670) 664-8080 or email to administrator01@nmiretirement.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and three copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than April 25, 2011 and must be received no later than May 2, 2011 in which case all bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 3, 2011.

/s/ Richard S. Villagomez



# OES students gung-ho about Parade participation

By CLARISSA V. DAVID  
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REPORTER

As early as the beginning of the school year, students of Oleai Elementary School students already started expressing their interest to join the year's edition of Parade of Books, according to Reading Resource teacher Jasylene Parico.

"If you noticed, we have a lot of students every year, close to 50. That's because a lot of students want to join the event. ... They really look forward to it every year," she said.

Parico, who talked about their experience in joining the 6th Annual Parade of Books, was one of the guest speakers during Rotary Club of Saipan's

regular meeting Tuesday noon at Hyatt Regency's Saipan's Giovanni's restaurant.

This year's Parade of Books, Rotary's annual literacy program where schools compete to interpret their favorite book through a creative performance, was held April 2 at the Marianas High School gymnasium.

OES wowed the judges and won the competition with their remarkable interpretation of *Mulan*, the tale of a Chinese female warrior.

Parico said they chose the students who portrayed the roles "based on how they look like the character."

"We want the experienced ones in it but we also want our

students who are inexperienced to come and join so they can grow out of it," she explained. "That's how we always take the event. We want as many students to really learn from it."

According to Parico, rehearsals were so tough for the students that some would try to avoid attending them.

"Practice was really practice time. We used every minute to really work on it," she added.

Parico disclosed that their presentation was mostly the students' ideas and inputs. "They bring their creativity to it," she said, adding that they upgraded their book prop this year by doing the pop-up *Mulan* book.

She said their team tried to

find a copy of the original version of the book in Guam and in Texas and once they had it, the students read it and got "to know the story very well."

"What do you need to do in order for people who haven't read the story understand the story based on what you're performing out there?" Parico asks the students before they start their practice.

Parico thanked the Rotarians for giving all students the opportunity to express themselves through Parade of Books, one of the events that students always look forward to.

"We're very proud of our students. They worked very hard," she added.



April 14, 1999

## Hiring? NMC may be worth a check

Board chair Manuel Sablan is asking the administration and the Legislature to first explore experts working at the Northern Marianas College before seeking outside professional help. He said it is frustrating to see government agencies recruiting anthropologist and professionals coming from University of Guam, Hawaii, and the U.S. mainland when the college has its own team of experts.

"We have the credentials out here. Why don't we do these projects and pay us," he said. Sablan also wants NMC to take part in the Free Trade Zone project by gathering scientists and computer wizards to the CNMI.

## Legislators step into project row

Apparently just aiming to mediate a dispute over the stalled sewer line project in southern Saipan, two ranking members of the Legislature yesterday slammed the door for any financial assistance to help resolve differences between the ports authority and utility corporation. Senate Vice President Thomas P. Villagomez and Rep. David M. Apatang, who each chair the committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications in the Senate and the House, respectively, said they would sit down with CPA and CUC officials to try to work out a solution on the long-standing problem. "We would like to see the project completed and the squabbling between CUC and CPA to cease," Villagomez said. "Some agencies should share responsibility and CPA must accept the fact that they have screwed up."

April 14, 2000

## BOE wants discretionary power over PSS CIP funds

Education officials yesterday scorched actions taken by some members of the Legislature regarding measures that were introduced and passed despite the absence of consultation meetings with the Board. At the same time, members of the Board of Education stressed that the Public School System be given discretionary authority in expending funds for school-related capital infrastructure projects in order to arrest snags in its prompt completion. During its regular monthly meeting yesterday, members of the education board noted a series of legislative measures introduced by the House committee on education that were not consulted with them.

## EMO's communications facility gets new home

The Emergency Management Office has finally built a permanent home for its \$2 million Smartnet Communication System facility on Mt. Tapochao. Funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency—\$143,000 for the construction of the building and relocation of equipment plus \$64,000 for the power to the tower project—paved the way for the transfer of the communication system to a more stable structure. Ninety percent of the funding came from the federal grant while 10 percent came from the CNMI government. EMO has always been planning for the transfer of the equipment to a safer structure since the 20-foot container where it was formerly housed was in danger of being swept away by strong winds whenever supertyphoons hit the island.


April 14, 2003

## CHC proposer's appeal denied

The Division of Procurement and Supply has denied-again-the appeal of Casa Felipe, whose bid to supply the Commonwealth Health Center with nursing staff was earlier rejected by the same division. Department of Public Health risk manager Nancy Gottfried said that Casa Felipe is now appealing its case with the Office of the Public Auditor. "Procurement upheld its earlier decision and the appeal is now with the OPA," she said. With the appeal pending, Gottfried said the P&S and the DPH cannot award any contract pending the OPA review of the case. "Right now, we're still evaluating all proposals. We can't move without OPA's decision."

## Atalig's trial on wire fraud begins

Today—known to Catholics as Holy Monday—is no ordinary day for CNMI Sen. Ricardo S. Atalig: The jury trial on federal wire fraud charges against him begins. The jury trial begins with the selection of jurors this morning at the U.S. District Court in Garapan, after which trial proper proceeds with the presentation of evidence and witnesses against the senator. The trial pushed through after the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in San Francisco, California trashed the request of Atalig's lawyer—former Senate legal counsel Stephen C. Woodruff—to order an emergency stay of the proceedings at the Northern Marianas court.



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• NMC Campus <i>This is only for those attending NMC or going to school</i>	Thursday, April 14, 2011	1:00p.m. to 4:00p.m.
• Garapan Street Market	Thursday, April 21, 2011	6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m.

Parents and/or Legal Guardians who are interested in applying for the program must go through the pre-eligibility process and will need to bring the following.

- Three (3) latest check stubs showing the applicant's name, hours worked (at least 60 hours bi-weekly), hourly rate, and gross monthly earnings (both parents);
- Most recent 1040 tax – for the year 2010 (both parents);
- School documents (class schedule, must be full time 12 credit);
- Training schedule (must have at least 60 training hours bi-weekly).

Any interested individual who does not bring the above mentioned documents will not be entertained for pre-eligibility.

The Child Care Program Office will accept completed applications beginning May 16, 2011 and the last day to submit applications will be May 27, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. Completed applications along with the required documents should be forwarded to the Child Care Program Office Building No. 1347 Ascension Court Capitol Hill. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

For questions regarding the Child Care Program please call 664-2575/2546/2587.

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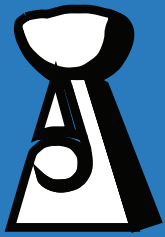
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### EDITORIAL

## Commencement speakers shouldn't cash in

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There are few occasions in life more idyllic than college graduation. Steeped in ceremony, it is the moment of triumph after years of work, a time for parents to beam proudly and gowned students to receive their hard-earned diplomas.

However, graduates aren't the only ones earning something on commencement day. Some colleges and universities are paying exorbitant fees—not just expenses—for graduation speakers. Public speaking has been big business for years, and finding a great speaker for commencement day is a competitive business, particularly for a school burnishing its image and trying to boost fundraising. Rutgers University, which is planning a bigger ceremony this year, recently announced that it will pay Nobel Prize-winning author Toni Morrison \$30,000 to be the commencement speaker. "An honorarium was required to attract a stellar speaker of Ms. Morrison's caliber," said Rutgers spokesman Ken Branson.

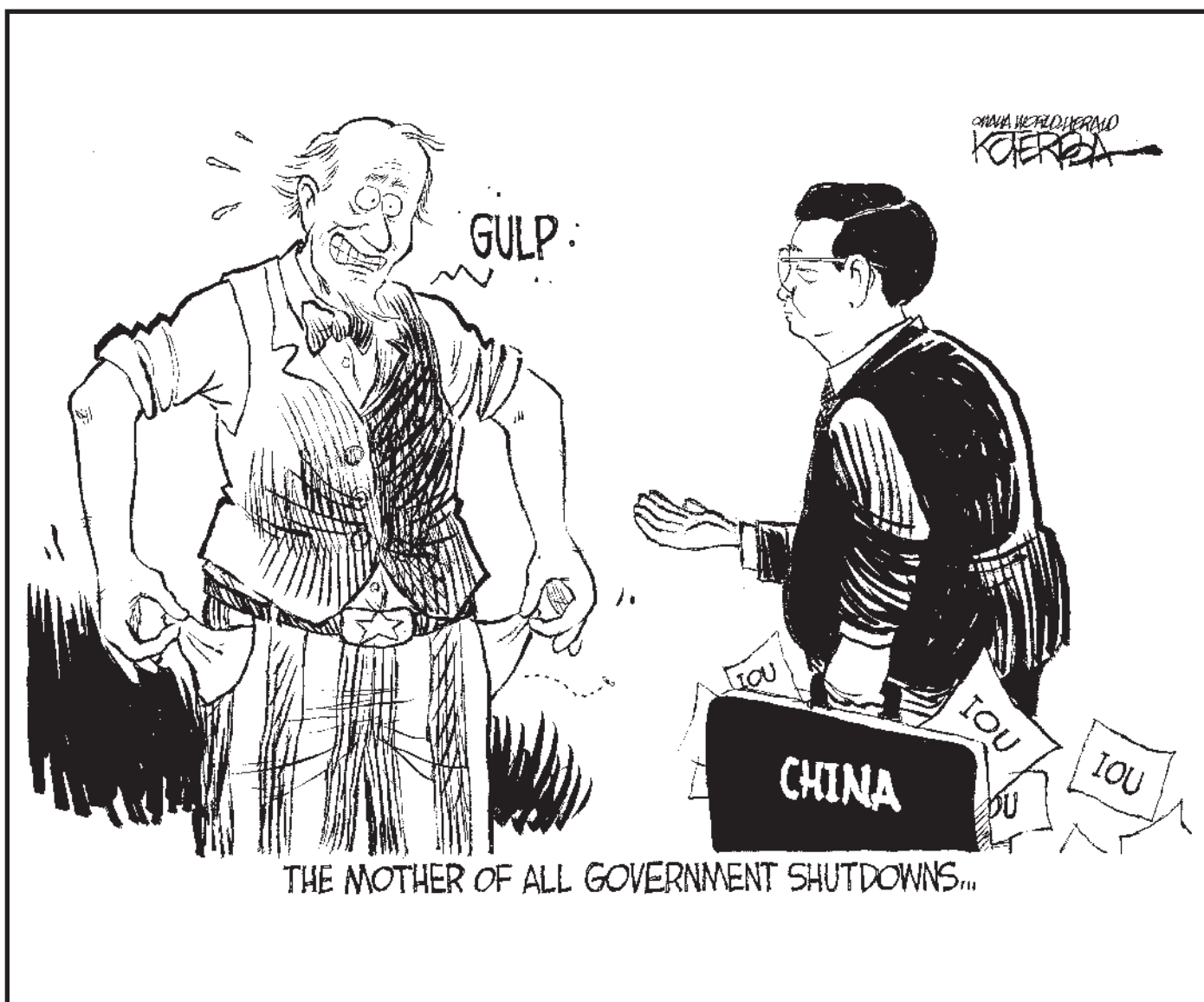
Morrison is only one example. In 2006, CBS news star Katie Couric got \$115,000 to speak at the University of Oklahoma's ceremony—although she did donate it to a cancer center at the University of Virginia in honor of her late sister. And Rudy Giuliani's 2005 address at High Point University in North Carolina reportedly cost the school \$75,000 in a contribution to a foundation of his choice.

Some speakers who command astronomical fees will discount them for commencement speeches—it's possible that Morrison usually gets much more than \$30,000—or waive them.

Bill Clinton, who was scheduled to speak at UCLA in 2008 before canceling because of the university's dispute with a union, did not request a fee. Nor would UCLA have offered one. (It never pays.) Neither President Obama nor the first lady are paid for their commencement addresses. This year, the president will deliver the address at Miami Dade College's North Campus, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and the public high school that wins the White House's Race to the Top Commencement Challenge. Michelle Obama will speak at Spelman College, the University of Northern Iowa and the high school that serves children of members of the military on the Marine Corps base in Quantico, Va.

We know it's a struggle for lesser-known schools to find a speaker a cut above a dreary dean talking in clichés about the challenges to come. But it's disappointing to see a tradition so wrapped in idealism become yet another vehicle for commercialism.

A commencement address is not a gig at a corporate retreat. Even though it takes time and effort to craft a good speech, it is honor enough to be chosen to impart some words of inspiration to newly minted graduates. We'd like to see influential figures go out of their way to speak at smaller institutions for free. Commencement day is one time when accomplished people should share the wealth—not increase their own.



## Birthers' conspiracy plot: Plants are legion

Every time I hear Donald Trump talk about President Obama's birth certificate, I think of O.J. Simpson.

The conspiracy theory invented by Simpson's defenders was every bit as loopy as the fantasies concerning Obama. Remember the O.J. defense ruse?

Years before the murder, conspirators would have had to incite Simpson to commit domestic abuse, laying a foundation for a future motive.

Several weeks before the murder, an O.J. doppelganger would have purchased a knife exactly like the weapon used in the slayings.

The night of the murder, someone would have to take the eyeglasses of Nicole Brown Simpson's mother, providing the reason for Ron Goldman's presence.

And Brentwood resident Jill Shively would have to be falsely convinced that she had seen O.J.'s Bronco speeding away from Nicole's house.

The first police responder would have to know to call Mark Fuhrman, so he could discreetly get blood from the crime scene while also picking up one of the real murderer's gloves.

Then Fuhrman would've needed to head over to Simpson's to sprinkle blood on the driveway, in the white Ford Bronco, and on Simpson's socks somewhere inside the house. He would also need to deposit the bloody glove behind Kato Kaelin's apartment.

Then, four days after the murder, after O.J. serendipitously cut his hand and volunteered an incriminating statement to police, one of the conspirators would have had to put cash and a disguise in the Bronco, and programmed the vehicle to drive toward Mexico with O.J. inside.

I don't know why prosecutor Marcia Clark's summation did not more cogently articulate the absurdity of this defense. I'm also not sure it would have made any difference. Perhaps the same is true of any birth-certificate analysis, but consider nevertheless what's needed to hold this conspiracy together:

The plot would need to span five decades.

It begins with the future president's birth in Kenya eight months after his parents had gotten married in Maui. (Why, I wonder, didn't their handlers simply ask mom and dad to stay in Hawaii for a couple of months?) Instead, having been born in Kenya for no purpose other than to complicate what would have been a rather straightforward plan to take over the world, the boy was quickly shuttled back to Hawaii, where the boy's grandparents resided. (The plan also called for Obama's grandfather to fight with Patton so as to enhance the future commander-in-chief's military credentials.)

Then, the plotters planted a bogus notice in the Aug. 13, 1961, issue of the *Honolulu Advertiser*, announcing the birth of Barack

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Obama on Aug. 4, 1961. This trail of official records and newspaper accounts would provide the necessary cover for the child's madrassa training, as he was ushered to Indonesia (or, according to Mike Huckabee, to either Kenya or Indonesia), where he would be schooled in the lessons of the Mau Mau Revolution until such time as he could resume his American mission.

That mission included getting accepted to Harvard Law School, and eventually publishing a best-selling book about (of all things!) his ancestry. And it explains why, on Page 26 of the memoir, *Dreams From My Father*, there is the suspicious passage: "I discovered this article, folded away among my birth certificate and old vaccination forms, when I was in high school."

Knowing that the young-Kenyan/Indonesian/Hawaiian candidate would begin his quest for the presidency, the conspirators enlisted two more participants in their nefarious scheme: Hawaii's health director, Chiyome Fukino (a Republican appointed by Republican Gov. Linda Lingle), and its state registrar, Alvin Onaka. Both would personally verify that the health department holds the president's original birth certificate.

Jess Henig and Joe Miller would be planted into the Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania, where they would declare in 2008 that they had "seen, touched, examined, and photographed the original birth certificate" and that it "meets all of the requirements from the State Department for proving U.S. citizenship."

The conspiracy would include spies within the GOP who would guarantee that the 2008 Republican nominee would be born outside the United States, and understandably be unwilling to make "natural born" citizenship an issue.

The final assist would be provided by two surprise coconspirators, President George W. Bush and Treasury Secretary Hank Paulson, who would preside over an eleventh-hour financial meltdown. The economy in ruins, the desperate nation would welcome this strange outsider.

Mission accomplished.



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## The silent epidemic

**T**his year I will qualify for senior citizen discounts at the theater, which means I'm officially an old person. However, my goal is to stay mentally and physically young as long as possible. In order to do that, I've started researching information to help achieve optimal health and I recently found an interesting article about Kevin Patterson, a former CNMI physician, and his new book *Consumption*. Patterson stated that type 2 diabetes historically did not exist about 70 or 80 years ago. He believes the rise of obesity, especially the accumulation of abdominal fat, induces change in our receptors that cause them to be numb to the effects of insulin. The body compensates for this by having the pancreas secrete larger amounts of insulin to regulate the high blood sugar. The constant strain on the pancreas causes it to falter in the ability to secrete enough insulin and this is when diabetes develops.

Patterson believes that "the increase in abdominal fat has driven the epidemic of diabetes over the last 40 years in the developed world." He continues, "I worked [on] Saipan, which is in the Marianas Island in the Pacific, and there, the dialysis population was increasing at about 18 percent a year, all as a consequence of diabetes and acculturation.

"When you look at the curves, it's clear how unsustainable it is. In 20 or 30 years, everybody on the island will either be a dialysis patient or a dialysis nurse unless something fundamental is done about the rise in diabetes."

This is not just a Saipan-thing because the 2011 National Diabetes Fact Sheet states that 8.3 percent, or 25.8 million of American adults already have diabetes. Seven million of them are undiagnosed, and even worse, it's estimated that another 79 million have pre-diabetes. That means 33.8 percent of the U.S. population currently has diabetes or pre-diabetes! Diabetes underlies a host of other health issues such as heart disease and stroke, kidney disease, nervous system disease, blindness and amputations, and this silent epidemic contributed to a total of 231,404 deaths in 2007.

In reality, obesity has never been proven to be a causal factor of diabetes. There are plenty of trim people with diabetes, and there are a lot of obese people without it. It's kind of like the chicken and the egg conundrum—does obesity cause insulin resistance and diabetes, like Dr. Patterson believes, or is it more likely that the insulin resistance behind type 2 diabetes causes obesity?

Here's a scenario of what may likely be the behavior pattern underlying weight gain and type 2 diabetes: 1) Excess consumption of fast food and processed foods high in refined carbohydrates (soda, sugar, candy, chips, breads, rice, pasta, etc.) elevate your blood sugar level, so 2) to lower your blood sugar level, the body releases insulin that transforms blood sugar into fats and stores them in your fat cells, 3) and as long as the pancreas produces insulin from a diet high in refined carbohydrates, fats will remain stored in cells; however 4) due to malnutrition your cells tell your body that you're hungry which causes you to crave more carbs for quick energy, which 5) triggers more insulin to be released and causes more fat to get locked in your fat cells; 6) overwhelmed by the increasing production of insulin, the pancreas starts to fail, which results in the higher levels of blood sugar associated with type 2 diabetes, and then requires medication to lower the body's glucose levels.

If the above pattern is correct, the simple five-step solution is to 1) stop eating and drinking insulin-provoking carbohydrates in order to 2) lower your blood sugar levels, which keeps insulin levels low, 3) so stored, nutrient-rich fatty acids can exit fat cells, 4) which is then metabolized as fuel, and 5) the out-of-balance hormones of the endocrine system begin to normalize themselves. The outcome of this is that you will start to lose weight and feel better.

Just changing your eating habits can make a difference, but when it's combined with exercise to increase your metabolism the results are enhanced. You don't necessarily need to eat less food, just eat less refined carbohydrates and more vegetables, fruits, and lean meats. Eat less processed and fast foods and more natural foods. If

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you only reduce your food intake, your body will sense the reduced calories and compensate by holding on to all the calories it can by turning down your basal metabolic rate, which is the rate that your body burns calories while you rest.

Drugs do help, but a large national study conducted with 3,234 volunteers at 27 sites around the U.S. found that small lifestyle changes are more successful at warding off diabetes than taking a drug. In the study, one group took a diabetes medicine called Metformin twice a day, a second group received placebo pills instead of Metformin, and the last group received intensive counseling from a dietitian and motivational coach to develop a plan to eat better and exercise more. The study found that the third group with the lifestyle changes were twice as effective as taking Metformin. It was also discovered that losing only 7 percent of their body weight (14 pounds for a 200 pound person) helped volunteers to cut their risk of diabetes by almost 60 percent.

In conclusion, the first step to better health is to watch what you put in your mouth. Reduce those insulin-triggering carbs and processed foods, and replace it with more natural fruits and vegetables. A lifestyle change doesn't have to be drastic, but it does need to be consistent. Let's show Dr. Patterson that our destiny is not to become an island full of dialysis patient, and that the only "curves" we should be watching on Saipan are those on the beach.

## Why nuclear power is still a good choice

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**W**hat a strange turn of events. Instead of uniting the environmental movement in renewed opposition to nuclear power, the Fukushima disaster in Japan has divided it still further. An increasing number of green advocates, including some very prominent voices, have declared their support for nuclear power as a clean energy option, even as radioactive water accumulates and the timeline for cleaning up the contaminated areas extends by decades. Can they be serious?

They can. The irony of Fukushima is that in forcing us all to confront our deepest fears about the dangers of nuclear power, we find many of them to be wildly irrational—based on scare stories propagated through years of unchallenged mythology and the repeated exaggerations of self-proclaimed "experts" in the anti-nuclear movement. As the British environmental writer George Monbiot has pointed out, if we took the scientific consensus on nuclear energy as seriously as we take the scientific consensus on climate change, we environmentalists would be telling a very different story.

The science on radiation tells us that the effects of Fukushima are serious but so far much less so than some of the more hyperbolic media coverage might suggest. The power plant operator, Tokyo Electric Power Co., has been releasing enormous quantities of radioactive water into the sea, for example. It sounds scary, but a member of the public would have to eat seaweed and seafood harvested just one mile from the discharge pipe for a year to receive an effective dose of 0.6 millisieverts.

To put this in context, every American receives on average 3 millisieverts each year from natural background radiation, and a hundred times more than this in some naturally radioactive areas. As for the Tokyo tap water that was declared unsafe for babies, the highest measured levels of radioactivity were 210 becquerels per liter, less than a quarter of the European legal limit of 1,000 becquerels per liter. Those leaving Tokyo because of this threat will have received more radiation on the airplane flight out than if they had been more rational and stayed put.

For the green movement, which is often justifiably accused of making the perfect the enemy of the good, having to confront real-world choices about energy technologies is painful. Most environ-

mentalists assert that a combination of renewables and efficiency can decarbonize our energy supply and save us both from global warming and the presumed dangers of nuclear power. This is technically possible but extremely unlikely in practice. In the messy real world, countries that decide to rely less on nuclear will almost certainly dig themselves even deeper into a dependence on dirty fossil fuels, especially coal.

In the short term, this is already happening. In Germany—whose government tried to curry favor with a strongly anti-nuclear population by rashly closing seven perfectly safe nuclear plants after the Fukushima crisis began—coal has already become the dominant factor in electricity prices once again. Regarding carbon dioxide emissions, you can do the math: Just add about 11 million tons per year for each nuclear plant replaced by a coal plant newly built or brought back onto the grid.

In China the numbers become even starker. Coal is cheap there (as are the thousands of human lives lost in extracting it each year), and if the hundred or so new nuclear plants previously proposed in China up to 2030 are not built, it is a fair bet that more than a billion tons can be added to annual global carbon dioxide emissions as a result.

Japan is also heavily dependent on coal, so it is a fair bet that less nuclear power there will add substantially to the country's emissions. No wonder the Japanese are insisting on backing off from the Kyoto climate treaty. Looking at the entire global picture, I estimate that turning away from nuclear power could make the difference between whether the world warms by 2 degrees Celsius (bad but manageable) and 3 degrees Celsius (disastrous) in the next century.

We have already made this mistake once. In the 1970s it looked as if nuclear power was going to play a much bigger role than eventually turned out to be the case. What happened was Three Mile Island, and the birth of an anti-nuclear movement that stopped dozens of half-built or proposed reactors; coal plants were substituted instead. It is therefore fair to say that the environmental movement played a substantial role in causing global warming, surely an ecological error it should learn from in years ahead.

Don't get me wrong: I am an enthusiastic proponent of replacing fossil fuels with renewable energy sources. I strongly support wind, solar and other clean-tech options. But all energy technologies come with an ecological price tag. Wind turbines kill and injure birds and

bats. Solar thermal plants proposed in the Mojave Desert have conservationists up in arms. If we are serious about taking biodiversity into consideration as well as climate change, these concerns cannot be idly dismissed. In terms of land use, nuclear scores very well, because the comparatively small quantities of fuel required means less land disturbed or ruined by mines, processing and related uses.

Take Japan again. According to some recent number crunching by the Breakthrough Institute, a centrist environmental think tank, phasing out Japan's current nuclear generation capacity and replacing it with wind would require a 1.3-billion-acre wind farm, covering more than half the country's total land mass. Going for solar instead would require a similar land area, and would in economic terms cost the country more than a trillion dollars.

Those debating the future of nuclear power also tend to focus on out-of-date technology. No one proposes to build boiling-water reactors of 1960s-era Fukushima vintage in the 21st century. Newer designs have a much greater reliance on passive safety, as well as a host of other improvements. Fourth-generation options, such as the "integral fast reactor" reportedly being considered by Russia, could be even better.

Fast-breeders like the IFR will allow us to power whole countries cleanly by burning existing stockpiles of nuclear waste, depleted uranium and military-issue plutonium. And the waste left over at the end would become safe after a mere 300 years, so no Yucca Mountains needed there. IFRs exist only on paper, however; we need to urgently research prototypes before moving on to large-scale deployment.

What is needed is perspective. Nuclear energy is not entirely safe, as Fukushima clearly shows, even if the current radiation-related death toll is zero and will likely remain so. But coal and other fossil fuels are far, far worse. And insisting only on renewables risks worsening global warming as an unintended consequence. We need a portfolio of clean energy technologies, deployed in the most environmentally responsible way. Above all, let us base our energy policy on a scientifically valid appreciation of real-world risk, and not on scare stories from the past.






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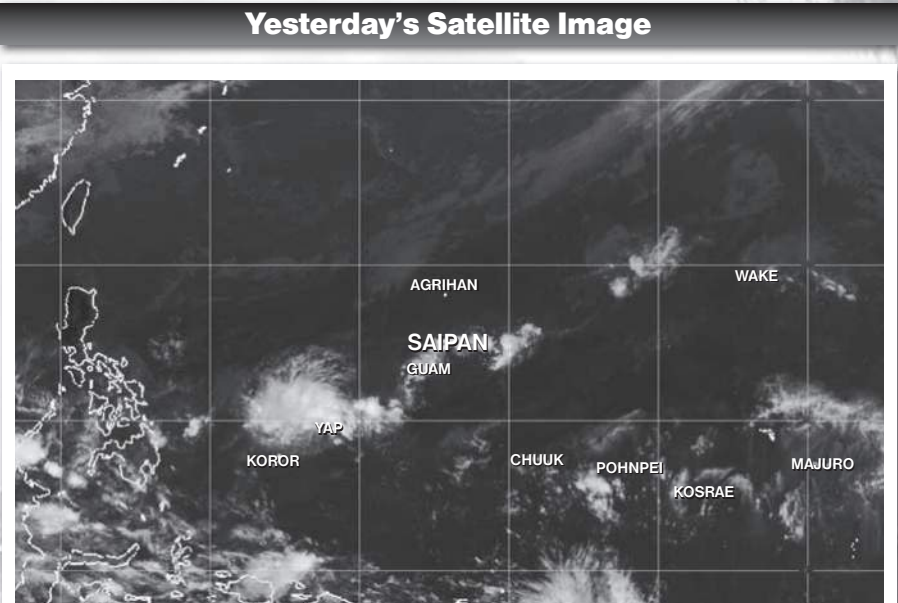
## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia		
Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲ 86 ▼ 78
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲ 87 ▼ 78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲ 85 ▼ 76
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	▲ 82 ▼ 76
Pohnpei	Showers	▲ 86 ▼ 77
Kosrae	Rain	▲ 87 ▼ 78
Majuro	Showers	▲ 85 ▼ 78

Around The Globe		
Auckland	Mostly Sunny	▲ 69 ▼ 62
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲ 85 ▼ 58
Hong Kong	Mostly Sunny	▲ 77 ▼ 69
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲ 84 ▼ 72
London	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 57 ▼ 46
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	▲ 64 ▼ 48
Manila	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 90 ▼ 77
Melbourne	Showers	▲ 63 ▼ 55
Miami	Mostly Sunny	▲ 86 ▼ 70
New York	Showers	▲ 53 ▼ 46
Osaka	Sunny	▲ 68 ▼ 54
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲ 61 ▼ 41
Pusan	Mostly Sunny	▲ 65 ▼ 54
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲ 67 ▼ 48
Salem	Showers	▲ 50 ▼ 40
San Francisco	Showers	▲ 57 ▼ 44
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲ 64 ▼ 47
Tokyo	Sunny	▲ 70 ▼ 54
Washington, DC	Showers	▲ 55 ▼ 45

Tides			
Saipan Harbor			
4:41 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
10:43 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.9 Feet
4:05 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet
10:45 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet



**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2011**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A cold front extends southwestward from 25N154E north of Minami Tori Shima to beyond 130E at 19N. Scattered showers are found along and up to 200 miles northwest of this front. A surface trough extends southwestward from a weak circulation west of Wake Island centered at 19N156E. The trough continues westward over Rota and to just north of Yap and Koror to end at 7N130E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found between 18N and 21N from 155E to 161E around Tinian and Saipan within 75 miles of a line from 15N152E to 14N144E to 12N143E and over Yap and north of Koror between 8N and 12N from 143E to 132E. Convergent southeast winds are producing scattered showers north and east of Wake Island between 19N and 21N from 166E to 172E. Trade-wind convergence is also producing scattered showers between Chuuk and Pohnpei between 3N and 7N from 155E to 157E. A trade-wind disturbance east of Majuro is producing scattered showers between 3N and 8N from 174E to 180.

Sunrise/Sunset			Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	6:04 AM	6:31 PM	Today	2:39 PM	2:32 AM
Friday	6:03 AM	6:31 PM	Friday	3:37 PM	3:17 AM
Saturday	6:03 AM	6:31 PM	Saturday	4:38 PM	4:03 AM
Sunday	6:02 AM	6:32 PM	Sunday	5:39 PM	4:49 AM
Monday	6:01 AM	6:32 PM	Monday	6:42 PM	5:39 AM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF DECEMBER 16, 2010					
DEPARTURES			ARRIVALS		
SAIPAN-GUAM			GUAM-SAIPAN		
C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily	C09316	2:45am 3:35am
C09313	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6	C09596	6:35am 7:25am
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	C09596	7:00am 7:50am
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7	C09600	10:05am 10:55am
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	C09602	1:40pm 2:30pm
C09605	6:20pm	7:10pm	Daily	C09604	5:00pm 5:50pm
C09599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily	C09606	8:00pm 8:50pm
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN		
DL287	6:10am	8:45am	Daily	DL298	10:25am 3:05pm
DL285	6:40am	9:15am	1, 3, 4, 5, 6	DL286	7:45pm 12:20am+1
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily	DL288	8:00pm 12:30am+1
SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)			OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN		
OZ119	4:00am	6:40am	Daily	OZ120	9:50am 2:20am+1
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)			BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN		
OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 4, 5, 7	OZ607	9:10pm 2:20am+1
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN		
OZ606	2:10am	6:00am	1	OZ603	9:00am 2:20pm
OZ606	2:40am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ120	7:10pm 2:20am+1
OZ604	3:20pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm 1:00am+1
OZ119	4:00am	11:25am	Daily via KIX	OZ605	8:10pm 1:30am+1
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN		
FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6	FM843	7:15pm 1:50am+1
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)			BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN		
CA988	3:15am	6:55am	1, 5 Dec 13, 17, 20, 24 & 27 only	CA987	6:40pm 1:55am+1
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN		
OZ606/701	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ704/603	12:10am 2:20pm
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C09317/891	4:25am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM	OZ716/603	12:30am 2:20pm
DL285/173	6:40am	10:15pm	1, 3, 4, 5, 6 via NRT	DL172/286	8:05am 12:20am+1
C09313/933	7:55am	9:25pm	3 via GUM	C0890/9606	10:55am 8:50pm
C09313/893	7:55am	11:00pm	3 via GUM-Palau	OZ702/605	1:10pm 1:00am+1
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OZ604/715	3:20pm	11:30pm	7	C0892/9596	10:25pm 7:25am+1
C09605/933	6:20pm	9:40pm	1, 2, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	C0892/9596	10:25pm 7:50am+1
C09599/PR111	9:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	C0934/9596	11:10pm 7:50am+1
SAIPAN-HONG KONG			HONG KONG-SAIPAN		
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C09603/909	3:05pm	10:25pm	1, 5 via GUM	OZ750/603	1:00am 2:20pm
OZ604/723	3:20pm	10:35pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN		2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
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				C0910/9596	11:15pm 7:50am+1

Editor's Note: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); CZ: China Southern; CO: Continental; FM: Shanghai Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; CA: Air China  
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FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE									
Airline		ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline		ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota					FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily	
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily		FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily	
Rota-Saipan					FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily	
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily		FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily	
Guam-Rota					FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily	
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily		FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily	
Rota-Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily		FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily	
Saipan-Rota					Tinian-Saipan				
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily		FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily	
Rota-Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily		FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily	
Saipan-Rota					FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily	
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily		FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily	
Rota-Guam					FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily	
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily		FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily	
					FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily	
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FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily		FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily	
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Some SHEFA programs may be terminated, suspended

By MONETH G. DEPOSA  
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REPORTER

Beneficiaries of financial awards from the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance, or SHEFA, may yet experience another cut in their financial grants after the board agreed to look into terminating and suspending some SHEFA programs.

Chair Jose C. Mafnas confirmed this with the *Saipan Tribune* Tuesday after a board meeting, saying the across-the-board cut it implemented in spring 2011 is not enough to ensure the continuity of its programs for scholars.

The board reduced by 25 to 50 percent in January all grants being awarded under three SHEFA programs: grant-in-aid, priority field of study, and incentive.

“We may need to take more [reductions] so just we can ensure that we are able to meet the number of students in the program. The board is considering now to further reduce, suspend, and terminate some awards [to reflect true figures],” said Mafnas.

He refused to provide details but hinted that among those who would possibly be affected are online students.

Mafnas, being the director of the Administrative Services Division of the Department of Finance, said that he has personal knowledge on the status of revenues that support the scholarship programs: the poker fees and licenses.

From December 2010 to March this year alone, poker establishments didn’t renew the licenses of 30 of their machines, Mafnas said. Poker establishments also expressed a plan to reduce their poker units as a result of the dwindling economy on island, according to him.

“We need to make adjustment to our current funding. Our main source of funding [poker fees] keeps going down and rather than to wait until it happens, we need to act now. We need to plan ahead and the only way to keep the program running is to reduce the amount of awards,” he said.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that there are only over 500 active poker machines that continue to provide funding stream for the various scholarship programs. This total reflects just 41 percent of the total active poker machines registered in 2004, which was over 1,400 units.

Last fiscal year, the government registered 579 total poker machines on island. The government projects \$3.4 million in total revenues from this number.

The number of poker machines in the Commonwealth has dramatically declined in the last six years, with more than 800 units not being regis-

tered within the period.

Based on a pending appropriation bill at the Saipan Northern Islands Legislative Delegation, SHEFA is

proposing a budget of \$3 million for its programs and \$100,000 for its operations for the next fiscal year.

Mafnas doubts that the \$3

million will be realized, noting the continuous decline in poker units.

Poker operators pay a \$12,000 annual license fee

for each machine on Saipan and \$10,000 on Rota and Tinian. The Saipan local government gets 50 percent of the license fee or \$6,000,

while Tinian and Rota local governments get \$4,000 fee from each machine. The rest of the money goes to the general revenue fund.



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COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,  
Plaintiff.  
vs.  
ANTONIO A. ARRIOLA, MARIA M. ARRIOLA, JOSEPH A. ARRIOLA,  
A-FAMILIA INC., and U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION,  
Defendants.

Civil Action No. 05-0303C  
NOTICE OF AUCTION

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, herein referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendant Antonio A. Arriola in the following described, improved, real property situated in Garapan, Saipan, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

Land situated in Garapan, Annex II, Saipan Municipality, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, more particularly described as **Lot No. 003 D 08** (formerly Block 1 Lot 8) as shown on the Division of Land Survey Official Cadastral Plat Number 003 D 00, dated February 25, 1971, and containing an area of 1002.12 square meters, including all existing improvements on the real estate, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith.

The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at **2:00pm on Friday, April 15, 2011**, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

- 1. Minimum Bid. No minimum opening bid.**
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- 4. Bids.** Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Manuel A. Sablan, Executive Director, Commonwealth Development Authority, P.O. Box 502149, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7145, Fax: 235-7147; or to F. Matthew Smith, P.O. Box 501127, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7455, Fax: 234-7256.
- 5. Deposit: Payment.** A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten (10) days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check or credit card. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten (10) days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to CDA.
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Dated this 10th day of March 2011.

/s/ SANTIAGO F. TUDELA, Commissioner  
Department of Public Safety



ANTONIO ARRIOLA  
LOT NO. 003 D 08

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,  
Plaintiff.  
vs.  
EDWARD U. MARATITA and ROSA C. MARATITA,  
Defendants.

Civil Action No. 05-0238  
NOTICE OF AUCTION

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, herein referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Edward U. Maratita and Rosa C. Maratita in the following described, real property situated in Rota, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

**Tract No. 22178**, situated in Rota, CNMI, containing an area of 25,000 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Survey Plat Number 3017/86, dated June 26, 1986, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith;

and

**Lot No. 007 R 34**, situated in Rota, CNMI, containing an area of 928 square meters, more or less, as described on Drawing Cadastral Plat No. 1294, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith.

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Dated this 10th day of March 2011.

/s/ SANTIAGO F. TUDELA, Commissioner  
Department of Public Safety



EDWARD MARATITA  
TRACT NO. 22178  
I-CHENCHON, ROTA



EDWARD MARATITA  
LOT NO. 007 R 34  
SONGSONG, ROTA



# GCA bags medals at the PGFC Regionals

Grace Christian Academy won 10 major awards out of the 60 major awards given at the Primary Grades Forensic Conference Regional competition on April 9, 2011, at Kagman Elementary School, where 11 private and public schools competed in the final round. GCA competitors joined 10 out of the 12 events from both K-2 and 3-5 divisions.

GCA finalists bagged one gold, three silver, and three bronze medals as well as one fourth place and two fifth places. GCA administration, faculty and staff, judges, volunteers, and parents congratulate all the winners for a job well done. Below is a complete list of all the winners.

## FINAL (Medal) ROUNDS K-2 Division

- Impromptu Speaking**  
Joshua Elijah Pajarillaga, 2nd Place Silver Medal  
Clerisse Dacumos, 4th Place  
CindyLou Lacbayo, 5th Place
- 3-5 Division**  
**Dramatic Interpretation**  
Esther Kim, 3rd Place Bronze Medal  
**Humorous Interpretation**  
Robert Hanrey Schorr, 3rd Place Bronze Medal  
**Impromptu Speaking**  
Alfie Madlambayan, 1st Place Gold Medal  
Dianne Arnold, 2nd Place Silver Medal  
Clark Birmingham, 3rd Place Bronze Medal  
**Readers Forum**  
Yasmin Angela Marcelo, 2nd Place Silver Medal  
Claudilyn Lacbayo, 5th place



Grace Christian Academy students have their picture taken after participating in the PGFC Regional competition at Kagman Elementary School on April 9, 2011.

- FINALISTS K-2 Division**  
**Impromptu Speaking**  
Joshua Elijah Pajarillaga  
Clerisse Dacumos  
CindyLou Lacbayo  
Luis Jerome Gaspar  
**Readers Forum**  
Juruel Magtalas  
**Dramatic Interpretation**  
Juruel Magtalas
- 3-5 Division**  
**Impromptu Speaking**  
Marcelo Masilungan Jr.  
Dianne Arnold  
Alfie Madlambayan  
Clark Birmingham  
**Readers Forum**  
Claudilyn Lacbayo  
Yasmin Angela Marcelo  
**Duo Interpretation**  
SheriJean Dela Cruz
- Yuki Anna Dela Cruz  
**Dramatic Interpretation**  
Esther Kim  
Yasmin Angela Marcelo  
**Humorous Interpretation**  
Robert Hanrey Schorr  
**Readers Forum**  
**Semi-finalists and Winners**
- K-2 Division**  
Juruel Magtalas, 1st Place  
CindyLou Lacbayo  
Matthew Gabriel Ernest  
Anna Nunez
- 3-5 Division**  
Claudilyn Lacbayo-3rd Place  
Yasmin Angela Marcelo, 4th Place  
Arvin Dayao, 5th Place  
SheriJean Dela Cruz

- FLIGHT (First Round) RESULTS**
- K-2 Division**  
**Impromptu Speaking A**  
Clerisse Dacumos, 2nd Place  
Noah Mesa, 5th Place  
**Impromptu Speaking B**  
CindyLou Lacbayo, 1st Place  
Joshua Pajarillaga, 2nd Place  
Luis Jerome Gaspar, 4th Place  
Amaris Birmingham, 5th Place  
**Readers Forum A**  
CindyLou Lacbayo-1st Place  
Matthew Gabriel Ernest, 3rd Place  
**Readers Forum B**  
Anna Nunez, 4th Place  
**Readers Forum D**  
Juruel Magtalas, 4th Place  
Miku Kimura, 5th Place  
**Readers Forum E**  
Justin Del Rosario, 5th Place

- Dramatic Interpretation**  
Juruel Magtalas, 4th Place
- 3-5 Division**  
**Impromptu Speaking A**  
Marcelo Masilungan Jr., 1st Place  
Dianne Arnold, 4th Place  
**Impromptu Speaking B**  
Alfie Madlambayan, 1st Place  
Clark Birmingham, 4th Place  
Jim Michael Ham, 5th Place  
**Duo Interpretation A**  
SheriJean Dela Cruz, 3rd Place  
Yuki Anna Dela Cruz, 3rd Place  
**Dramatic Interpretation A**  
Esther Kim, 2nd Place  
Yasmin Angela Marcelo, 4th Place  
**Humorous Interpretation A**  
Robert Hanrey Schorr, 2nd Place  
**Humorous Interpretation B**  
Alfie Madlambayan, 5th Place  
**Readers Forum A**  
Yasmin Angela Marcelo, 2nd Place  
**Readers Forum B**  
Claudilyn Lacbayo, 4th Place  
Yuki Anna Dela Cruz, 5th Place  
**Readers Forum D**  
Arvin Dayao, 4th Place  
**Readers Forum E**  
SheriJean Dela Cruz, 3rd Place  
Jasmine Orioste, 5th Place

- Teachers/Coaches**  
Miss Sheryl Edralin, K4  
Mrs. Miriam Dilse, K-5  
Mrs. Leah Garfil, 1st Grade  
Miss Judy Kim, 2nd Grade  
Mr. Josh Zwicker, 3rd Grade  
Mrs. Esther Manzano, 4th Grade  
Miss Kelly Dawe, 5th Grade

- GCA PGFC Coordinator**  
Mrs. Esther Manzano  
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Mrs. Beth Ann Nunez  
Principal: Mrs. Marsha Owens  
GCA PGFC Judges/Volunteers:  
Rofelina Madlambayan, Mark Birmingham, Glenn Keaton, Adrian Yue, Dong Ha Lee, Danica Canedo, and Jasmine Gortayo

# SVES to host Annual Canary Walkathon

The Parent, Teacher, Students Association of San Vicente Elementary School will be hosting its Annual Canary Walk-a-thon on Saturday, April 30, 2011, at the school's baseball field, from 7am until noon.

The Canary Walk-a-thon committee has various activities planned for the families of San Vicente Elementary School and the community. This event is tailored to provide the school and the community with some interactive activities that will benefit not only the child and the individual but also the family as a whole.

“We hope to see parents and students sharing in the experience of walking together,” the school said in a statement.

Members of the PTSA have been soliciting support for the event and welcome all donations both monetary and in-kind. For more information, call the school at (670) 237-3791/3 or 237-3761. **(PR)**

# Green Meadow School students shine at PGFC



Students from Green Meadow School show off the medals and ribbons they won at the Regional PGFC held at Kagman Elementary School on April 9, 2011.

- Students from Green Meadow School successfully competed at the recent Regional PGFC held at Kagman Elementary School on April 9, 2011.
- To GMS competing students, congratulation for another excellent performance! GMS administrators, teachers, and staff thank their parent volunteer judges—Robert Reyes, Allyssa Palattao, Rowena Coloma, Marissa Obtinalla, and Elisa Dela Cruz—at Saturday's event.
- FINALISTS: K-2 DIVISION**  
Gold Medal,  
Humorous Interpretation:  
Kristina Jane Crisostomo (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)  
Silver Medal, Reader's Forum:  
Jody Rownel Coloma (1<sup>st</sup> Grade)  
Silver Medal, Duo Interpretation:  
Marie Ann Hembra, Aljanah Joan Manabat (1<sup>st</sup> Grade)  
5<sup>th</sup> Place, Dramatic Interpretation:  
Jhanylin Marielle Cruz (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)  
5<sup>th</sup> Place, Choral Speaking: Mikee Mame Mendoza, Christian Dean Palattao, Aldraine Angelo Galang (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)
- Semi- Finals:**  
4<sup>th</sup> Place, Reader's Forum:  
Jody Rownel Coloma (1st Grade)
- FINALISTS: 3-5 DIVISION:**  
Bronze Medal, Choral Speaking  
Art Vincent Alfeche, Kimwerly Ann Dela Cruz, Angel Mae Oropesa, Ashley Reganit, Dustin Ross Salillin (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)  
4<sup>th</sup> Place, Dramatic Interpretation:  
Chekaina Viel Coloma (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
4<sup>th</sup> Place:, Impromptu Speaking:  
Angel Sean Legaspi (4<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
5<sup>th</sup> Place, Humorous Interpretation:  
Robin Matthew Reyes (4<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- REGIONAL: FIRST ROUND K-2 Division:**  
Humorous Interpretation B  
1<sup>st</sup> Place, Kristina Jane Crisostomo (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)  
Humorous Interpretation A:  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place,  
Jill Anne Mallari (Kinder-5)  
Reader's Forum D:  
1<sup>st</sup> Place, Jody Rownel Coloma (1<sup>st</sup> Grade)
- Dramatic Interpretation A  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Jhanylin Marielle Cruz (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade); 4<sup>th</sup> Place, Allyson Red Camacho (1<sup>st</sup> Grade)
- Dramatic Interpretation B  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Jill Anne Mallari (Kinder-5); 5<sup>th</sup> Place, Leunyce Regalado (Kinder-5)
- Choral Speaking A  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Mikee Mame Mendoza, Aldraine Angelo Galang, Christian Dean Palattao (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)
- Duo Interpretation A  
4<sup>th</sup> Place, Marie Ann Hembra, Aljanah Joan Manabat (1<sup>st</sup> Grade)
- Reader's Forum B  
5<sup>th</sup> Place, Alyson Red Camacho - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

- 3- 5 Division: Regional (First Round)**  
Reader's Forum  
1<sup>st</sup> Place, Joshua Christian Saturno (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- Impromptu Speaking A  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Amelito Dalusong Jr. (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- Impromptu Speaking B  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Angel Sean Legaspi (4<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- Dramatic Interpretation A  
4<sup>th</sup> Place, Chekaina Viel Coloma (5<sup>th</sup> Grade);  
5<sup>th</sup> Place, Pionnah Rosej Gregorio (4<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- Humorous Interpretation  
4<sup>th</sup> Place, Robin Matthew Reyes (4<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- Duo Interpretation B  
4<sup>th</sup> Place, Art Vincent Alfeche, Ashley Reganit (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade); 5<sup>th</sup> Place, Ryan Louis Divino, Robin Matthew Reyes (4<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- Duo Interpretation A  
5<sup>th</sup> Place, Monica Aira Usi, Ezekiel Kristen Alfred (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- Coaches:**  
K-5: Joy Chapap  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Leonor Marfil  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Marilyn Divino  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Eleonor Alejo  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Manuel Castro  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Bona Angeles



**COURTESY CALL**  
Director General Wang called on Gov. Benigno R. Fitial yesterday on Capital Hill as part of Wang's first visit to the CNMI since assuming his post at the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Guam. During his brief visit, Fitial asked Wang to look into the possibility of opening the same kind of office here in the CNMI. Fitial believes that having such an office on the ground would help strengthen economic ties between the CNMI and Taipei. Wang had pledged to continue upholding the harmonious relationship the CNMI enjoys with China.



# Business

## Most people won't notice these big budget cuts

WASHINGTON (AP)—It's touted as the biggest one-time rollback of domestic spending ever, but most folks will be hard-pressed to notice.

After all, it's just 1 percent of what the government will lay out this year.

The number of security officers at airports won't be reduced. National park campgrounds won't close. There will still be enough meat inspectors to prevent temporary plant closures. Disadvantaged schools won't see cuts in federal aid. And stiff cuts to grants for community action agencies serving the poor were averted.

Basically, the things most people expect from the govern-

ment won't change very much if Congress approves the cuts unveiled Tuesday, the details from that late-night deal that kept federal operations going.



Obama

For starters, the budget cuts come after two years of generous increases awarded to domestic accounts when Democrats controlled both Congress and the White House. And they total only \$38 billion out of the \$3.8 trillion the government will spend on everything this year, including Social Security and other retirement programs.

If the government were a family living on \$60,000 a year, that's equal to a \$600 cut.

Democrats had earlier warned the original House measure—it

would have cut more than \$60 billion—would have had draconian effects including widespread furloughs of federal workers, temporary shutting of meat processing plants, delays in processing Social Security applications and a big cut in the maximum Pell Grant for college education.

Most of the more stringent cuts originally passed by the House have been reversed, and the maximum Pell Grant still will be \$5,550 for the next academic year.

Remaining are items like \$14 billion in cuts to accounts previously used for congressional earmarks, a \$2.9 billion cut to President Barack Obama's high-speed rail initiative and \$812 million from construction of new courthouses and other federal buildings.

## NYC airport collision shows risks of huge planes

NEW YORK (AP)—A frightening collision between one of the world's largest airliners and a commuter jet on a dark, wet tarmac at Kennedy Airport is underscoring worries about ground accidents as U.S. airports begin handling a new generation of giant planes.

A total of 586 passengers and crew members were aboard the two aircraft Monday night when the left wing of an Airbus A380 operated by Air France clipped a Bombardier CRJ-700 regional jet flown by Comair, spinning

the smaller plane nearly 90 degrees. No one was injured.

The superjumbo Airbus is so immense—as tall as a seven-story building, with a wing span as wide as a Manhattan block—that its wing almost cleared the smaller plane. But not quite.

"It's the sheer size of these aircraft and the congestion at these airports that's the problem," said Allan Tamm, a consultant with Avicor Aviation, based in Portland, Ore. "It's a serious concern for all these airports trying to accommodate

these aircraft. It's going to happen more and more."

The collision happened at one of the nation's most congested airports on a rainy night when flashing lights reflecting off wet tarmac can obscure small aircraft. It comes as airports around the country are beginning to receive a new class of huge aircraft.

Fourteen airports have obtained waivers from the Federal Aviation Administration to receive the new Boeing 747-8, which falls into the same new size class as the A380, The Associated Press reported this week. And Boeing is working with 13 more airports to get approval from the FAA, though not all of them may require waivers.

## 5 NJ schools get grants from \$100M Facebook gift

NEWARK, N.J. (AP)—Five new high schools in New Jersey's largest city have been awarded grants totaling nearly \$1 million from last fall's \$100 million donation made by Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg. The awards were announced Tuesday by the Foundation for Newark's Future, the organization created to disburse the money. BARD High School Early College Newark and Sakia Gunn High School for Civic Engagement each received \$175,000 grants. Newark Leadership Academy, Newark BRIDGES High School and Newark S.T.E.A.M. Academy each received \$125,000 grants. The five schools received an additional \$50,000 each to help them open in the fall.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Stocks fall after Japan raises crisis level

NEW YORK (AP)—The Dow Jones industrial average lost more than 100 points Tuesday after Japan raised the severity of its nuclear crisis and Alcoa Inc. reported disappointing sales. A drop in oil prices pulled down energy stocks. Markets also fell in Asia and Europe after Japan said the crisis at its crippled nuclear plant was as serious as the 1986 Chernobyl accident, though much less radiation has leaked. The plant in northern Japan was damaged in the March 11 earthquake and tsunami disaster. "It means slower growing coming out of Japan in the short term, and that's going to weigh on global growth," said Peter Cardillo, chief market economist at Avalon Partners Inc.

### Toyota to halt Europe production for several days

TOKYO (AP)—Toyota Motor Corp. will suspend production in Europe for several days in April and May due to parts shortages following last month's massive earthquake and tsunami in Japan, the world's No. 1 automaker said Wednesday. The move will affect five European

# Nation

## NASA to send shuttles to Fla., Calif., suburban DC

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—On a memorable day in space history, NASA began its goodbyes to the shuttle program Tuesday, announcing the aged spacecraft will retire to museums in Cape Canaveral, Los Angeles and suburban Washington and sending a test-flight orbiter to New York City.

It was an emotional day—the 30th anniversary of the first shuttle launch and the 50th anniversary of man's first journey

into space by Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin. Just two more shuttle flights remain, and the head of NASA choked up as he revealed the new homes for the spacecraft in an event at the Kennedy Space Center.

"For all of them, take good care of our vehicles," NASA Administrator Charles Bolden, a former astronaut, said with a catch in his voice. "They

served a nation well, and we at NASA have a deep and abiding relationship and love affair with them that is hard to put into words."

The choice of homes for the spaceships—sometimes described as the most complex machinery ever devised—was hotly contested. Twenty-one museums and visitor centers around the country put in bids.

## Body count along NY beach highway now at 10

GARDEN CITY, N.Y. (AP)—The number of possible victims of a serial killer rose to 10 on Tuesday after authorities confirmed that two sets of remains found along a New York highway a day earlier are human.

Authorities have not definitively linked all the remains found in the past five months to the same suspect, but they have said four Craigslist escorts found in December were likely victims of a serial killer.

Police happened upon the first set of four remains while searching for a missing New Jersey prostitute last seen in a nearby community nearly a year ago. That woman has yet to be found.

Police searching late last month along Ocean Parkway discovered a fifth body, which prompted authorities to commence a widespread search involving dozens of officers, dogs, helicopters, mounted units and

volunteer firefighters. That effort led to the discovery April 4 of three more sets of remains and two more on Monday near Jones Beach State Park.

Police investigating the deaths have kept many details of the killings to themselves, but the revelations have shaken some veteran officers.

"It's pretty startling," Detective Lt. Kevin Smith, a Nassau County police spokesman, told reporters.



## ACROSS THE NATION

### Felony charges filed in CA against blast suspect

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Los Angeles County prosecutors have filed four felony charges against a man suspected of making an explosive device that damaged a synagogue and a nearby house. The District Attorney's office said Tuesday that 60-year-old Ron Hirsch faces up to life in prison without the possibility of parole if convicted. The counts against him include possession of a destructive device near a public place and private residence and explosion with intent to murder. Prosecutors are seeking Hirsch's extradition from Ohio, where he was arrested Monday after a rabbi in Cleveland Heights recognized him from news reports about the explosion in Santa Monica and called police.

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### Calif. cat found with 12-inch arrow in ear, head

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A Northern California cat found with an arrow sticking through one ear and into its head was recuperating Tuesday after surgery at a veterinary hospital. Nancy Paquin, the owner of "Max," said the cat had been gone all weekend when it showed up at the family home in Santa Cruz Sunday night. Paquin's husband let the cat inside the house, and that's when the couple saw the protruding arrow. "It went to the food bowl to eat and he had this arrow in his head," she said. "It's the worst thing I've ever seen done to an animal."

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**"REHABILITATION OF THE DANDAN HOMESTEAD CHILDREN'S PARK"**

(Amendment #01 to reflect time of mandatory pre-bid conference will be 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 14, 2011, at the proposed project site in Dandan, Saipan.)

Proposal packets will be available on April 12, 2011, at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, during regular working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday thru Friday except CNMI holidays. A non-refundable payment of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) is required for each set. Payment shall be by credit card, money order or cashier's check (payable to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation).

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 14, 2011, at the proposed project site in Dandan, Saipan.

This project is funded by a grant from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), under its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

/s/ Marcie M. Tomokane  
Board Chairwoman & Contracting Officer

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## Asia

## Divorces rise as taboo falls in urbanizing India

**NEW DELHI (AP)**—In a crowded courtroom on the city's outskirts, the once unthinkable is reality: dozens of couples—rich and poor, educated and barely literate—seek divorce for reasons as varied as domestic violence to a simple inability to live together.

Just a decade ago, divorce was a dirty word in socially conservative India. The fear of social isolation, a sense of duty to extended families—who likely arranged the marriage in the first place—and financial dependence put nearly unbearable pressure on couples to stay together.

But as the economy has boomed, the rigid boundaries governing traditional Indian life are beginning to fall, especially among the growing urban middle class. Dating among twenty-somethings is growing popular, love matches (as opposed to arranged marriages) don't pro-

voke the family scandals they once did and divorce is no longer out of bounds.

"All of a sudden it seems everyone I know is getting divorced," says 28-year-old Mohit Dutt, who last year filed for divorce from his wife of six years after "exhausting every possible way to save the marriage."

"I know at least a dozen people around me who are either there or getting there," Dutt said.

The country maintains no statistics on divorce, and the numbers are not staggering by Western standards—anecdotal reports say one in every 100 Indian marriages is now likely to end in divorce, compared to about half in the United States.

But the low rate is largely because most Indians still live in villages, where divorce remains a taboo that can destroy a family's reputation and leave a woman an outcast for the rest of her life. "It's still an urban phe-

nomenon," says divorce lawyer Hasan Anzar, "but a really fast growing one."

In the 1980s, New Delhi had two courts that dealt with divorce. Today there are 16. A new Indian matchmaking website Secondshaadi.com, or second marriage, now targets divorcees and widowers. A search on it throws up thousands of divorcees, most in the 25-to-35 age bracket.

Still, family courts here remain geared toward persuading couples to work it out. A watercolor of a happy family hangs behind the chair of Judge Deepa Sharma, who urges nearly every couple to visit the court's in-house marriage counselor.

"Our main thrust is to unite parties," she says. "We try to explain to them what the consequences of divorce are."

A woman in her early 20s says she wants out of her barely year-old marriage because her husband refused to move out

of his parents' home, where she was treated badly. She comes from a modest background—her father a poorly paid government clerk—and she has only a high school education, but she is definite about one thing: She wants her freedom.

"I can only start my life again if he lets me go," she says, as the judge unsuccessfully tries to persuade her to give her mar-

riage another try.

A well-to-do couple in their mid-40s is asking for divorce because they have "differences of opinion" they just can't work out. They say their teenage daughter understands their desire to split.

Under court rules, the petitioners cannot be identified.

A generation ago, women had little choice but to stay in

bad marriages. Most would not have received any support from relatives.

"Women, especially now, have little tolerance for bad marriages, for parental interference in their marriage. They have more economic independence," says Iti Kanungo, a court-appointed marriage counselor. This doesn't mean the decision to divorce is an easy one.

## Roadside bomb kills 5 Afghan workers

**KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)**—A roadside bomb on Tuesday killed five construction workers in eastern Afghanistan who were in a car driving near the Pakistani border, an Afghan official said.

Earlier, a similar bomb killed two Afghan police officers as they were destroying opium poppies in the southern province of Kandahar, while three children died from an insurgent grenade tossed during a NATO operation in the north.

Ahmad Zia Abdulzai, a spokesman for the provincial governor of Nangahar province, said the five Afghan men were all in a car owned by a local construction company. He said the incident occurred just north of Jalalabad, the provincial capital. There have been numerous insurgent attacks in the area.

NATO said in a statement that during the operation another four women and children were wounded along with five Afghan and NATO troops in the fighting in northern Faryab province.

It said the deaths occurred when an insurgent lobbed a hand grenade into a courtyard of a compound that was being raided.

The women and children had

been placed there by coalition forces for their safety. The statement added that "several" insurgents were also killed. There was no way to independently verify the account.

The European Union also said someone fired a high-velocity bullet at the office of its special representative to Afghanistan in Kabul. The bullet hit the armored office window of Ambassador Vygaudas Usackas, a former Lithuanian Foreign Minister, but no one was hurt.

The two police officers who died Tuesday were part of a team eradicating opium poppies in Kandahar's Zhari district, according to a police statement. Two other officers were wounded in the blast.

The spring poppy harvest is slowly coming to full bloom across southern Afghanistan. Police said that Afghan security forces have so far eradicated almost 2,900 acres (1,200 hectares).

Opium poppies are the south's biggest cash crop, often smuggled to Pakistan's lawless tribal areas where the sap from the plants is refined into heroin for sale in Western markets and Russia. Funds are used to fuel the Taliban and the fighting season is expected to get fully under

way once the crop is harvested.

The Afghan Intelligence Agency also announced that a Pakistani man has been arrested on suspicion of leading a botched assault on a NATO base last week that left seven insurgents dead.

A spokesman for the agency, Lutfullah Mashal, said the 26-year-old man named Zarnalok was from the Pakistani city of Peshawar. It is common in both countries for people to go by a single name.

Mashal said the man sneaked into Afghanistan a day before the April 5 attack on NATO's base in the eastern city of Jalalabad. Together with another 11 men he tried to storm the base firing assault rifles and rocket-propelled grenades. Seven of the attackers were killed. There were no coalition casualties.

The intelligence agency also announced the arrest of a Taliban operative in Helmand who is believed to be responsible for a number of beheadings in the southwestern province. Identified as Mullah Juma, the man was part of a five-member Taliban judicial committee that regularly put on trial Afghans working for the government, the army or coalition forces.



In this photo taken on April 7, 2011, Indian divorce lawyer Geeta Luthra, left, talks to an unidentified client in New Delhi, India.

## Philippine army arrests bomb suspect with JI links

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—A suspected militant believed to be a liaison between Muslim rebels and a Southeast Asian terrorist network was arrested in the restive southern Philippines, officials said Wednesday.

Security forces apprehended Abi Pamanay in the central part of Mindanao Island on Tuesday based on an arrest warrant for murder in connection with bombing attacks, said Philippine army chief Lt. Gen. Arturo Ortiz.

Ortiz accused Pamanay of being a member of the largest Muslim separatist group and a "senior associate" of notorious bomb-maker Abdul Basit Usman, who has been on the run for his alleged links with the Indonesian-based terrorist network Jemaah Islamiyah and the al-Qaida-linked Abu Sayyaf group, both blamed for a series of dead-

ly attacks across the region.

Pamanay was being interrogated after his arrest in Isulan town in Sultan Kudarat province, Ortiz said. Other officials were quoted as saying he did not resist arrest and had denied the charges against him.

Usman is a Filipino on the U.S. State Department's list of most-wanted terrorists who carries a \$1 million bounty.

Pakistani military intelligence officers last year claimed that Usman was killed with other militants in a U.S. drone strike in Pakistani tribal regions, but a Philippine military official later denied it, saying that Usman had been sighted near southern Maguindanao province.

Philippine officials have said that Muslim rebels and the Abu Sayyaf maintain ties with Jemaah Islamiyah, providing

sanctuary for dozens of Indonesian militants and making use of their training.

Ortiz said that Pamanay was a member of a special operations unit of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, the main rebel group that has been fighting for Muslim self-rule for decades and is engaged in negotiations with the government.

Rebel leader Mohagher Iqbal said Wednesday he could not recognize Pamanay's name and was still validating if he had any links with the insurgents. He also denied that Usman was a member of the group.

After a decade of U.S. military training and intelligence-gathering in the southern Philippines, hundreds of militants are still active despite battlefield gains that have killed or captured dozens of senior leaders.

## ASIAN BRIEFS

## Japan leader urges no panic in nuclear crisis

**TOKYO (AP)**—Japan's prime minister is urging the public not to panic after the government boosted the severity level of the crisis at a tsunami-damaged nuclear plant to the highest rating - on par with the 1986 Chernobyl disaster. Prime Minister Naoto Kan urged people in a televised address to focus on recovering from the country's disasters. Kan said: "Right now, the situation of the nuclear reactors at the Fukushima plant has been stabilizing step by step. The amount of radiation leaks is on the decline," he said. "But we are not at the stage yet where we can let our guards down." Japanese regulators said they raised the rating from 5 to 7—the highest level on an international scale—after new assessments of radiation leaks from the Fukushima Dai-ichi plant.

## Briton attempts to cross Indian Ocean in rowboat

**SYDNEY (AP)**—A British woman who survived fierce storms and a near-drowning on her journeys across the Atlantic and Pacific oceans set off from Australia on Wednesday for a row-

ing adventure across the Indian Ocean with a new worry on her mind: pirates. Roz Savage rowed out of the port city of Fremantle, in Western Australia, to begin a four-month trip in her 23-foot (7-meter) purple rowboat, Sedna, named after the mythological Inuit goddess of the ocean. If she completes the 4,000-mile (6,400-kilometer) trip, Savage will be the first woman to row across three oceans, according to the Ocean Rowing Society, a London-based group that tracks such feats across the globe.

## China milk poisoning case caused by grudges

**BEIJING (AP)**—State media say police suspect a couple in northwest China poisoned milk from a local farmer, causing three deaths, because of anger over business disputes. Xinhua News Agency quotes police as saying they found nitrite was added to milk from Ma Wenxuan's farm near the city of Pingliang in Gansu province. Nitrite is an industrial salt that can be poisonous. Police allege a man surnamed Wu and his wife, surnamed Ma, poisoned the milk because they were angry with the farmer over unresolved business disputes.



## World

# New battles in Libya, strains in NATO campaign

**AJDABIYA, Libya (AP)**—Moammar Gadhafi's forces fired rockets along the eastern front line and shelled the besieged city of Misrata Tuesday as France and Britain urged their NATO allies, including the United States, to intensify the campaign against the Libyan regime.

But hopes for a rebel military victory have faded and diplomatic efforts to find a solution were picking up momentum. On Wednesday, diplomats will gather in the tiny Gulf nation of Qatar for a meeting of the Libya contact group, which aims to coordinate an international response to the conflict.

On Monday, African leaders tried to broker a cease-fire but were immediately shot down when the opposition insisted that Gadhafi give up power immediately.

For his part, Libyan government spokesman Moussa Ibrahim insisted that any talk of Gadhafi stepping down, which has also been suggested by some European officials, was "imperialist" thinking and he lamented that the rebels had not followed suit in accepting the African proposal.

The Libyan rebels have proven to be far weaker and outnumbered by Gadhafi's forces and without NATO airstrikes, they could face a crushing military defeat. So any realistic rebel hopes of unseating Gadhafi now rest firmly on international political pressure combined with sustained NATO airstrikes.

French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe said NATO was not doing enough to ease the pressure on Misrata. He also said the alliance should be firing on the weapons being used by Gadhafi's troops to target civilians in Misrata, the only city in western Libya that is still partially in the hands of rebels. International groups are warning of a dire humanitarian crisis in Misrata, Libya's third-largest city.

Paris lamented the limited U.S. military role in Libya and chided Germany for its lack of involvement. In a dire analysis, France's defense minister acknowledged that without full American participation in the combat operation, the West probably can't stop Gadhafi's attacks on besieged rebel cities.

## Ivory Coast generals pledge loyalty to president

**ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast (AP)**—Five generals pledged their loyalty to President Alassane Ouattara on Tuesday following the capture of the country's strongman leader after a four-month standoff, as French and Ivorian forces worked to eliminate the last pockets of resistance.

Ouattara's spokesman Patrick Achi confirmed that the generals who had been fighting on Laurent Gbagbo's side right up until his capture swore allegiance before Ouattara one by one at the Golf Hotel, where he set up his presidency after Gbagbo refused to acknowledge losing the November presidential election.

Doh Ouattara, a member of the security team at the hotel, said Gbagbo, his wife and entourage were in a suite there. He said the lower-level officials traveling with Gbagbo had been sealed inside the bar of the luxury hotel.

U.N. deputy spokesman Farhan Haq said that "contrary to earlier informa-



UNREST IN THE MIDDLE EAST



LATEST EVENTS April 12, 2011

**1. Libya** Sporadic fighting, shelling in Misrata, Ajdabiya; French, British foreign ministers ask if NATO airstrikes are being aggressive enough to protect civilians around these towns

**2. Syria** Loyalist gunmen attack two villages in attempt to crush uprising against President Bashar Assad; rebel group urges Arab League to impose sanctions

Source: AP © 2011 MCT

**3. Egypt** Former President Hosni Mubarak admitted to hospital with heart problems the same day he is to be questioned about corruption allegations and attacks on protesters; military clears four-day protest from Cairo's Tahrir Square

**4. Bahrain** Prominent rights activist beaten, arrested; activist's daughter goes on hunger strike to seek his release

**5. Yemen** Tens of thousands, including uniformed officers, protest against President Ali Abdullah Saleh and the mediation proposal that grants him immunity if he steps down

A young boy holding an opposition flag who was brought to a checkpoint near the front line by a female relative to show support, is walked back to the checkpoint for his safety by a rebel fighter believed to be his father, on the outskirts of Ajdabiya, Libya Tuesday, April 12, 2011.

## WORLD BRIEFS

### Uruguay removing amnesty for dictatorship crimes

**MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay (AP)**—Uruguay's senate debated Tuesday whether to annul an amnesty for crimes against humanity committed during the 1973-85 dictatorship, with a narrow majority expected to overrule voters who upheld the law in two referendums. Backed by leftist President Jose Mujica, the measure would then return to the lower house for minor changes and could become law by May 20—the day Uruguay honors the political prisoners who were kidnapped and killed during the military junta's crackdown on leftists. Courts could then prosecute human rights violations committed in Uruguay, fulfilling a key demand of the leftist wing of the governing Broad Front coalition and complying with a 2009 Supreme Court ruling that found the amnesty unconstitutional.

### Mexico finds 28 more bodies in border pits

**MEXICO CITY (AP)**—Mexican investigators have found a total of 116 bodies in pits near the U.S. border, 28 more than previously reported, Attorney General Marisela Morales said Tuesday. Morales said a total of 17 suspects tied to the brutal Zetas drug gang have been detained in relation to the killings in the northern state of Tamaulipas, some of whom have purportedly confessed to abducting passengers from buses and killing them. President Felipe Calderon said a 19-year-old man who is among the detained confessed to killing more than 200 people. Calderon gave no other details.

### Toll in Belarus subway blast: 12 dead, 200 injured

**MINSK, Belarus (AP)**—The toll in the Belarus subway bombing rose to 12 dead and more than 200 wounded Tuesday and authorities said several people have been detained in what they are calling a terrorist attack. The opposition, meanwhile, voiced fears that authoritarian President Alexander Lukashenko would use the attack to launch an increased crackdown on dissent. Belarus' domestic security agency, which still goes under its Soviet-era name KGB, said it had identified the likely perpetrator of Monday's explosion at a busy downtown subway station and was searching for him. It described him as a well-built man in his 20s, but didn't elaborate.

### Vatican sanctions Belgian bishop who abused nephew

**VATICAN CITY (AP)**—The Vatican is using its new rules to crack down on sex abuse by high-ranking churchmen, revealing that it has ordered a Belgian bishop to no longer work as a priest while officials determine his punishment. Bishop Roger Vangheluwe, 74, admitted abusing his nephew and resigned a year ago, just as the sex abuse scandal was spreading across Europe and the Vatican was revising the way it handled prosecutions of bishops and other top officials. Over the weekend, Belgian bishops reported that Vangheluwe had merely been sent outside the country for spiritual and psychological counseling, a seemingly cushy measure given the seriousness of the crime.



# Environment

## Homegrown food is safer, cheaper, and pretty easy

By KATHY VAN MULLEKOM  
DAILY PRESS (NEWPORT NEWS, VA.)

Homegrown in the city can be as good as homegrown on the farm, especially when it comes from your own backyard garden.

There are several smart reasons to grow the produce that your household eats, even if you do it on a small scale.

When you grow what you eat, you know it's as fresh as fresh can be. No traveling hundreds of miles in trucks on a hot summer day.

You know it's safe to eat. No wondering what's been sprayed or not sprayed on the plants.

You save on your food bill, especially if you use share seeds and transplants with friends and family. No more fretting about the \$2.99 for one English cucumber or \$2 for one red pepper.

You also engage in an outdoor activity that enhances a healthier diet and lifestyle. No more just admiring gardens on HGTV while you sit on the sofa and munch a bunch of chips.

Creating a small backyard vegetable garden for planting warm-season crops in May and cool-season crops in fall and late winter is easier than ever before, thanks to ready-made raised garden kits that simplify design, digging and weed control. The kits, typically made from cedar or composite lumber, come in all sizes, shapes and price ranges, so it's hard to find any good excuse for not raising at least a few tomatoes for tasty BLTs.

Assembly is easy. Usually all you need is a screwdriver and hammer. Fill the frame with a vegetable-growing medium like soil mixed with compost and



Forever Raised Beds look like aged cedar but are constructed of a composite material made from recycled plastic and reclaimed sawdust. Aluminum brackets reinforce the corners and keep the beds straight and true. Each 10-inch-deep bed provides ample root room for carrots, squash, potatoes and more.



Raised vegetable beds become attractive parts of the landscape when bordered by blooming perennials and annuals.

you're ready to plant. No drainage problems to worry about. No voles to fight. Even bunnies are less likely to hop over the boards to nibble. You can even set the gardens on concrete if your plants have shallow roots.

### TIPS TO GROW ON

Survey your soil. If you garden in the ground, the best soil is loam, which is soft, dark and crumbly. Loamy soil retains moisture but drains so it's not soggy; it's also easy to dig. If you encounter clay or sandy soil, amend the soil with aged compost or shredded hardwood mulch.

Size up your space. When plotting the size of your garden, make sure it's large enough to yield the harvest you want. Your plants should have room to mature and allow for good air circulation,

which reduces pest and disease problems. If you have limited yard space, or none at all, grow vegetables and herbs in containers on a deck, terrace, balcony or even on the windowsill.

Let the sunshine in. Vegetable plants need plenty of sun—at

least six hours a day.

Pick your plants for your plot. Grow vegetables that are expensive to buy in the grocery store or at the farmer's market, such as specialty tomatoes and peppers.

Source: [BonniePlants.com](#)

### PER PERSON PLANTS

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| ■ Asparagus: 5-10 plants                                | ■ Onion: 12-20 sets, 4 sets per foot    |
| ■ Bush beans: 12-15 plants                              | ■ Peas: 15-20 plants, 6 plants per foot |
| ■ Beets: 5-10 feet of plants, thin to 3 plants per foot | ■ Pepper: 3-5 plants                    |
| ■ Cucumber: 1 vine, 2 bushes                            | ■ Potato: 10 plants                     |
| ■ Carrots: 4 feet, thin to 12 plants per foot           | ■ Spinach: 5-10 feet, 6 plants per foot |
| ■ Corn: 10-15 plants,                                   | ■ Squash: 1-2 plants                    |
| ■ Eggplant: 2-3 plants                                  | ■ Tomato: 2-4 plants                    |
| ■ Leaf lettuce: 8 feet, thin to 3 plants per foot       | ■ Zucchini: 1-2 plants                  |
| ■ Melon: 1-2 plants                                     |   |

Source: [Bonnie Plants](#)

## How green does your garden grow?

By TERRI BENNETT  
MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

Our gardens are a place to enjoy nature, relax, and carry out our outdoor labors of love. It shouldn't be a place we pollute. However, much of the time we are doing just that with how we plant, water, and maintain our gardens. So, how truly green does your garden grow? Do Your Part to make it as green as can be.

These days, there's really no need to use those plastic plant containers which usually end up in our landfills. Instead, try biodegradable pots that are actually better for what you're growing. My favorite seed starting pots can be dropped right in the ground and forgotten. They are 100 percent organic, allow roots to grow right through them, and cost just pennies a piece. More and more growers are also us-

ing these kinds of pots and the added benefit to you is that your new plants will avoid the shock of being transplanted from the pot to the soil.

We all know our gardens need plenty of water during the warm months. Why pay for water when you can get it from Mother Nature for free using a rain barrel? If you're overwhelmed by the thought of installing and using a rain barrel—don't be. I installed several at my home with just a couple tools and a few minutes. And there's a simple non-toxic solution to battling mosquitoes called Mosquito Dunks, which can be found at most garden centers. Plants actually prefer rain water to city water so your plants will thrive when you use a rain barrel and you'll save on your utility bills. You can watch a quick video of me installing a rain barrel at DoY-

ourPart.com/Columns.

Another way we can be more eco-friendly outdoors is by making smarter choices with all of the yard equipment we use. Lawn equipment is responsible for 5 percent of America's greenhouse gas emissions. Those little engines are big polluters and it's close to home! Clearly, manual powered lawnmowers, trimmers, and the like are always best but they're not always practical. When you need new equipment, opt for electric over gas-powered. Americans use 600 million gallons of gas each year just to power yard tools. Electric ones create less pollution even when you consider the energy needed to power them. They also create less noise pollution and you'll never have to remember to fill them up.

When it comes to bugs in



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your garden, remember that not all bugs are bad. Some bugs will actually help you by eating bugs that eat your plants. Ladybugs and praying mantids are two beneficial bugs that will devour pests like aphids, flies and mosquitoes. You can purchase them

online or at some local garden centers. For other pests like slugs, a shallow can filled partially with beer will invite them in for a nightly swim but they won't be able to escape.

Now that it's the season to enjoy the outdoors, Do Your Part and make your green

thumb a darker shade of green.

Terri Bennett is a veteran TV meteorologist, syndicated columnist, and host of [DoYourPart.com](#) where you can find everyday green living ideas that are better for you and the planet. Send questions to [terri@doyourpart.com](#).



# Life & Style

## Cloth or disposables? Half-century debate still on

By **LEANNE ITALIE**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Disposables, cloth. Cloth, disposables. Fifty years after Procter & Gamble introduced affordable throwaway diapers, dubbing them Pampers, the battle over baby's bottom rages on.

The brand brought on a revolution in baby care in the United States, obliterating safety pins, soaking pails and diaper delivery trucks. But reusables have been inching back slowly into the mainstream, with the predictable faceoff among parents choosing one or the other, although some families use both.

In 1958, with other disposables already out, P&G's version was a "fortunate failure" during a summer test run in Dallas, Texas, according to a company history. Consisting of pads and plastic pants, it made babies uncomfortable in the heat.

The company tweaked the invention into a one-piece and went calling on parents again in 1961. They played in Peoria, Illinois, one of the markets chosen, but customers said the cost of 10 cents each was too high. More tweaks followed and the price went down to 6 cents. By 1979, Pampers was a billion-dollar brand.

The disposable diaper industry, now worth more than \$25 billion, crushed the cloth market. But wait. After the save-the-planet zeitgeist of two decades ago failed to produce a blockbuster comeback, reusables have become de rigueur in certain circles, and to some parents who lack money for disposables.

The new cloth diapers are hardly a threat to the big guys in throwaways, but in crunchy enclaves like Portland, Oregon, and Northampton, Massachu-

setts, it is a rare parent worth his yoga mat who would dare consider disposables, at least out loud.

Reusables can be had in big box stores and discount houses. Stashes sometimes are passed on to friends. They still comprise roughly 5 percent or less of the diaper market, but it was the other way around in 1956 when disposables accounted for about 1 percent. That is when P&G chemical engineer Vic Mills went in search of a better alternative to cloth for his newborn grandchild.

Disposables have been around since at least 1935, primarily as a niche item for trips away from home, but they never broke through to overtake cloth until Pampers hit, tapping into the post-war fervor for all things new, convenient and timesaving, especially among women setting up house in suburbia.

"Empowerment of women was a big piece of what was behind that," said Jodi Allen, general manager for Pampers. "Offering conveniences, offering more options, was clearly part of the culture at that time."

Today, saving the environment and keeping anything that isn't "green!" away from baby is driving interest in reusables. The green question is es-

pecially vexing as both sides bandy scientific studies involving so many variables that the Natural Resources Defense Council considers the issue a wash when it comes to disposables in a landfill versus reusables in the laundry.

"We don't recommend one over another," said Allen Hershkowitz, a senior scientist at the environmental action group and director of its solid waste project.

"A compelling argument for getting rid of disposable diapers absolutely does not exist. It's a personal choice, but it really can't be made on environmental grounds. There are costs both ways," he said.

Cloth advocates are scrappy. They have a public education arm, the Real Diaper Association, which is not to be confused with a trade group, the Real Diaper Industry Association.

Reusable diapers come in cotton, hemp, bamboo, wool and less organic forms. The flat cloths of old have been reinvented in prefolded, fitted, pocketed and all in one "systems" that offer breathability, expandability, leak control, Velcro, snaps and a three-armed fastener called a Snappi. There's also a cuteness factor in brightly decorated

covers, many from mom-grown businesses fueled by Internet interest.

"Even if there really are no indications that future generations of humans will be able to survive our mistakes, I can wash load after load of dirty diapers with some trite optimism," said cloth-user Thomas Chang, the stay-at-home dad to year-old Olive in Northampton.

Shhhh: He and his wife use disposables at night.

In Portland, 20-month-old Alexander's mom, Kris Vockler, went for disposables all day long after she worked out a metric carefully weighing the pros and cons, the big pro being that she travels a lot and decided they were hassle-free when her son was along for the ride. He's mostly potty-trained now but Vockler's memories are fresh.

"We live outside Portland, where, if you know the place, picking disposables and saying so would give us funny looks," she said.

There are a lot of "what abouts" in the cloth versus disposable debate. There's the cotton, pulp, petrol and industrial agricultural complexes to contend with on both sides. And what about the landfills, a subject that comes up a lot.



This undated image courtesy of Charlie Banana shows Charlie Banana's limited-edition "Goodbye Disposable, Hello Cloth" custom 2-in-1 hybrid cloth diaper. Reusable cloth diapers have been slowly inching their way back into the mainstream. **AP**

*In Celebration of Her New Life*

† *Dolores Cepeda Benavente Salas*

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*In her new life, she now joins her:*

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Parents In Law: †Enrique Fausto Salas, †Magdalena Arriola Salas  
Siblings: †Silveria B. Mendiola, †Luis C. Benavente  
In Laws: †Juana Arriola Salas, †Rosalia Salas/†Pedro DLG. Jesus, †Jose DLG. Sablan, †Allen J. Cameron

*Her memories will forever live in the hearts of her:*

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- **Gerard Benavente & Margarita Tudela Salas** (Hiroki, Hiroyuki, Hiroaki)
- **Linoa Maui Benavente**

**Siblings & In Laws:**

Jacinto B. Mendiola, Maria Benavente Sablan, Trinidad Benavente Cameron, Fernando & Lorna Benavente, Ignacio & Evelyn S. Benavente, Katherine S. Benavente, Teresita B. & Jesus Aldan, Roman & Andrea A. Benavente, Natalia Maui

Care taker: Vickie Faldas

*She is additionally survived by numerous nieces and nephews.*

Daily Mass is being offered at the Mt. Carmel Cathedral at 6:00 p.m. immediately followed by the Holy Rosary.

On Tuesday, April 19, 2011 at 7:30am, our beloved's remains will be escorted from the Borja's Funeral Home to Mount Carmel Cathedral Church for viewing and last respects. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. followed by interment service at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Your thoughts and prayers are deeply appreciated

**Children and Family**

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# Lohan in talks for role in Travolta's Gotti biopic

**NEW YORK (AP)**—A press conference for John Travolta's latest project, "Gotti: Three Generations," had a surprise guest: Lindsay Lohan.

The 24-year-old actress has been rumored to be up for the role of Victoria Gotti, daughter of the infamous "Dapper Don" John Gotti.

Producer Marc Fiore confirmed Tuesday that he's in talks with Lohan, whom he called "a terrific actress," but said nothing had been finalized.

Lohan, who has starred in such films as "Mean Girls" and "Freaky Friday," sat in the front row at the press conference and posed for photos with the cast and crew but didn't talk to the press. She has been plagued by legal problems in recent years and is now battling a felony grand theft charge in California over a \$2,500 necklace.

Travolta, 57, will star as John

Gotti, the well-dressed leader of the legendary Gambino crime family, who had a knack for evading convictions on a variety of mob indictments brought against him, earning him the nicknames Dapper Don and Teflon Don. Gotti finally was convicted in 1992 of murder and racketeering and died in prison a decade later.

At the press conference, Travolta, star of movies including "Pulp Fiction" and "Be Cool," talked about connecting to the Gotti role on a deeper level. He said he had talked to one of Gotti's surviving sons, John "Junior" Gotti.

"His father lost a son, and I've lost a son, and we discussed that in depth and how painful that is and how painful that was for his father," Travolta said.

Travolta's 16-year-old seizure-prone son, Jett, died at the family's vacation home in the

Bahamas in 2009. John Gotti's 12-year-old son, Frank, was accidentally run over by a neighbor and killed in 1980.

"To hear what he went through and what his dad went through and the similarities of pain was healing," Travolta said later in an interview with The Associated Press.

Travolta's 11-year-old daughter, Ella Bleu, is slated to play a young Angel Gotti, John Gotti's daughter, in the movie.

The biopic is set to begin filming in October and is slated for release in late 2012.

Victoria Gotti, author and daughter of the late John Gotti, left, actor John Travolta, John Gotti Jr. and actress Lindsay Lohan pose during a news conference for the film "Gotti: Three Generations", based on the life of John Gotti, at The Sheraton Hotel on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 in New York.



## 'Idol' accused of weight bias; show denies claim

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—A 19-year-old "American Idol" studio audience member claims that she was barred from a front-row seat and told it was because of her weight, an allegation denied by the show's production company.

Ashley Kauffman of Riverside, Calif., had complained to an audience coordinator at last Thursday's show that she was separated from friends, who did get front-row seats, according to Manfred Westphal, a spokesman for producer FremantleMedia North America.

The allegations are "simply untrue," Westphal said Tuesday.

According to a FremantleMedia statement, Kauffman and five other friends were among the first to arrive for the show and were told that there were "six great seats" available, three in one row and three in another.

Kauffman was a guest of a Riverside high school dance troupe that has attended previous telecasts of the Fox show and received choice seats because of its enthusiasm for "Idol," Westphal said.

The group agreed to split up and Kauffman "did not sit alone or in the back of the house" as she alleged, FremantleMedia said. "In fact, she and her remaining party were seated just four rows behind their friends, directly in camera shot, in some of the best seats in the house."

Kauffman was in a row that included a VIP guest of judge Steven Tyler, said Westphal. They were a few rows behind the judge's table in a spot that has been featured on camera before, he said.

When Kauffman subsequently complained online about her experience at the show, the audience coordinator that initially booked her group contacted Kauffman to discuss what had happened, Westphal said.

The coordinator told her there was no bias, that people of all "ages, shapes and sizes" sit in the front row all the time, and that Kauffman simply was being seated according to her ticket for the fifth row of the floor section, he said.

## Michael Douglas' ex revives bid for share of movie cash

**NEW YORK (AP)**—The clash between Michael Douglas and his ex-wife over his "Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps" earnings is back for another, nastier run in a New York court.

Lawyers for both sides traded barbs Tuesday over Diandra Douglas' continuing efforts to get half the Academy Award-winning actor's take from the 2010 movie.

A New York judge threw out her lawsuit in November, saying the dispute belonged in California, where the couple divorced in 2000 after 23 years together. Her lawyers asked the judge Tuesday to reconsider.

With Diandra Douglas looking on, the actor's lawyer noted his recent fight with throat cancer and said his ex "should be ashamed of herself" for seeking more money when she's gotten more than \$51 million from him in the divorce and her stake in some earnings afterward. Her lawyers, meanwhile, mentioned his recent purchase of a \$5 million-plus home near New York and his children's private schools.

Leaving court, Diandra Doug-

las lamented the "mudslinging" she felt was directed at her.

"I've always behaved as a lady, and I always intend to do so in the future," she said. "I think the facts speak for themselves."

Michael Douglas wasn't at court. His lawyer, Marilyn B. Chinitz, said his former wife's claim was meritless, and "she ought to get the message and move on."

The couple's lengthy, multimillion-dollar divorce deal gives Diandra Douglas a share of proceeds from projects related to work the actor did when they were married.

She says that should include last year's follow-up to "Wall Street," the 1987 Oliver Stone film that won Michael Douglas an Oscar for his portrayal of an era-encapsulating financier who declared that "greed is good." The actor's camp says the divorce agreement doesn't apply to the second "Wall Street," which wasn't on the horizon when the couple split. Released in September, it grossed more than \$100 million worldwide.

The divorce pact also speci-

## Lawsuit: Homeless get \$50 to be beaten on video

**ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (AP)**—A video company paid homeless men \$50 to be filmed while scantily clad women punched, kicked and whipped them, according to a lawsuit filed this month in a Florida court.

Lawyers for two homeless men said the website www.shefights.net sells videos on the internet of the so-called "beatdowns," starting at \$2.99 for a two-minute "sparring session" clip and increasing in price to \$33.99 for a 33 minute clip of two women beating a man.

The lawsuit contends the beatings violate a state hate crimes law that specifically protects the homeless and that the producers are exploiting the poverty of transients for whom any cash is hard to come by.

"What type of society would allow this to happen?" said Neil Chonin, the lawyer for the homeless men. "This company preyed on peo-

ple who are desperate."

Chonin and area homeless advocates said there are many more men who were assaulted in exchange for cash and that some were injured so badly that they were hospitalized.

The lawsuit, which was first reported by the St. Petersburg Times, was filed April. 1. A judge recently ordered the website manager, Jeffrey S. Williams, to not take down the website or erase the videos in question so the evidence could be preserved for trial.

In an email to the Associated Press on Tuesday, Williams said his accusers are trying to pressure him through public attacks.

"My side will come out in court," he wrote in the brief statement.

St. Petersburg Police Spokesman Mike Puetz said detectives are investigating the allegations as well.

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**Russell Brand, Jennifer Garner**  
 Comedy • Rated PG 13

### Synopsis

Arthur is a sweet but wildly irresponsible playboy whose millions have left him lonely and with no motivation in life. On the threshold of an arranged marriage with a simpering socialite whom he does not love, Arthur meets the spunky, blue-collar waitress Linda Marolla, and falls head over heels. However, just as he begins to pursue a relationship with Linda, his father and iron-willed grandmother threaten to pull the plug on his huge inheritance if he doesn't honor his position in life and go through with his marriage.



**Your Highness**

Friday 4:30 7:30 9:55  
 Saturday 1:30 4:30 7:30 9:55  
 Sunday 1:30 4:30 7:30  
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**James Franco, Natalie Portman**  
 Comedy • Rated R

### Synopsis

Pineapple Express' Danny McBride and James Franco re-team for a fantasy comedy sending up such '80s gems as Krull and The Sword and the Sorcerer with this Universal Pictures production from director David Gordon Green. McBride and frequent collaborator Ben Best provide the screenplay, which follows two princes as they head out on a journey to save their kingdom. Zoey Deschanel and Natalie Portman co-star as a pair of princesses, with Justin Theroux tackling the villainous role of Leezar.



**Hanna**

Friday 4:15 7:15 10:00  
 Saturday 1:15 4:15 7:15 10:00  
 Sunday 1:15 4:15 7:15  
 Mon thru Thurs 4:15 7:15

**Saoirse Ronan, Cate Blanchett**  
 Thriller • Rated PG 13

### Synopsis

Hanna stars Academy Award nominee Saoirse Ronan, Academy Award winner Cate Blanchett, and Eric Bana. Hanna (Ms. Ronan) is a teenage girl. Uniquely, she has the strength, the stamina, and the smarts of a soldier; these come from being raised by her father (Mr. Bana), an ex-CIA man, in the wilds of Finland. Living a life unlike any other teenager, her upbringing and training have been one and the same, all geared to making her the perfect assassin.



**Hop**

Friday 4:05 7:05 9:45  
 Saturday 1:05 4:05 7:05 9:45  
 Sunday 1:05 4:05 7:05  
 Mon thru Thurs 4:05 7:05

**James Marsden, Russell Brand**  
 Children's/Family • Rated PG



**Source Code**

Friday 4:00 7:00 9:30  
 Saturday 1:00 4:00 7:00 9:30  
 Sunday 1:00 4:00 7:00  
 Mon thru Thurs 4:00 7:00

**Jake Gyllenhaal, Michelle Monaghan**  
 Science fiction, Thriller • Rated PG 13



**Sucker Punch**

Friday 4:25 7:25 9:35  
 Saturday 1:25 4:25 7:25 9:35  
 Sunday 1:25 4:25 7:25  
 Mon thru Thurs 4:25 7:25

**Emily Browning, Abbie Cornish**  
 Action, Fantasy, Adventure • Rated PG 13



**Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules**

Friday 4:20 7:20 9:40  
 Saturday 1:20 4:20 7:20 9:40  
 Sunday 1:20 4:20 7:20  
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**Zachary Gordon, Devon Bostick**  
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# Another star knocked out of the ‘Dancing’ ballroom

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Talk about a TKO.

Legendary boxer Sugar Ray Leonard was knocked out of the “Dancing With the Stars” ballroom Tuesday—one night after earning his highest scores on the hit ABC show.

Leonard and his professional partner, Anna Trebunskaya, collected 21 points out of 30 for their Viennese waltz on Monday’s episode, but view-

ers failed to keep them as contenders in the competition.

Judges’ scores are combined with viewer votes to determine which celebrity is ousted each week.

“That’s life, and I put up a good fight,” Leonard said. “I will cherish this moment: great friends, great people, great show.”

Host Tom Bergeron called the 54-year-old Olympian “the heart of the show this season.”

Trebunskaya said she and

Leonard had fun together.

“The boxer became a ballet dancer!” she said.

Tuesday’s episode also included a performance by Jennifer Hudson, who sang “Don’t Look Down” and “Feeling Good” from her latest album, “I Remember Me.”

Returning to dance on next week’s Patriots’ Day-themed show with songs about loving America will be actors Kirstie Alley, Ralph Macchio and Chelsea Kane; athletes

Hines Ward and Chris Jericho; model Petra Nemcova; singer Romeo; and reality star Kendra Wilkinson.



### GUEST STAR

In this Jan. 5, 2011 file photo, actress and comedian Kathy Griffin arrives at the People’s Choice Awards in Los Angeles. Griffin is looking forward to causing trouble when she guest stars on the Lifetime series “Drop Dead Diva.” In an episode of the upcoming third season, Griffin plays the sister of series regular Kate Levering’s Kim and clashes with Margaret Cho’s character, Teri. Griffin said acting as a total witch to her good friend Cho is “the role I was born to play.” Other “Drop Dead Diva” guest stars for the coming season include Wanda Sykes, LeAnn Rimes and Paula Abdul. AP

## Queen Elizabeth II’s husband to mark 90th birthday

LONDON (AP)—Add another celebration to the British royal family’s packed calendar: the 90th birthday of Queen Elizabeth II’s husband. Buckingham Palace said Tuesday that the family will mark Prince Philip’s milestone with a service at Windsor Castle’s chapel and reception on June 12, two days after his actual birthday.

The occasion comes at a busy time for the 84-year-old queen. In the coming months, she will celebrate the April 29 wedding of grandson Prince William to Kate Middleton and the July wedding of granddaughter Zara Phillips.

The palace said it had created a dedicated website, where well-wishers can peruse photos and leave a birthday message for Philip, who in 2009 became the longest serving consort in British history when

he outlived Queen Charlotte, the wife of King George III.

In honor of his 90 years, the palace created a list of 90 facts about Philip. Website visitors might be surprised to learn that in addition to the Duke’s penchant for collecting items like penknives, the queen’s husband also enjoys painting landscapes in oils.

The list shows that he also had an affinity for technology, evidenced by his early adoption of a prototype cell phone in the 1950s and his current use of a laptop.

On his actual birthday on June 10, Philip will perform a round of official duties at Buckingham Palace—standard practice for the Duke, who the palace estimates has made about 5,000 speeches and lectures over the course of his public life.

## Carly Simon releases CD with baseball picture book

NEW YORK (AP)—Baseball is more than a pastime for singer Carly Simon. Her version of “Take Me Out to the Ball Game” is included on a three-song CD that accompanies a new picture book of the same name.

Simon told The Associated Press on Tuesday that her family was friendly with Jackie Robinson’s family when she was a girl and that the Brooklyn Dodgers star used to bring her to games and call her his “lucky charm.”

Simon says she found the classic baseball tune, which she originally recorded for Ken Burns’ documentary “Baseball,” “pretty enchanting” and even tried to write her own baseball number about her daughter playing centerfield. “I really should finish it,” said Simon, 66, whose hits include “You’re So Vain” and “Anticipation.”

Simon’s father, Simon & Schuster co-founder Richard Simon, helped Robinson buy

a house in Stamford, Conn., in the mid-1950s, at a time when the community resisted letting blacks live there. She remembers Robinson, the major league’s first black player, as “gentle and ardent,” a kind man who was passionate about “fair treatment for everybody” and a competitor who “played tennis like nobody else.”

Robinson died in 1972, but Simon remains close to his widow, Rachel Robinson.

# Quarrelsome couple take hostility to new heights

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
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Dear Abby

**DEAR ABBY:** We have been friends with “The Bickersons” for quite some time. They never have a kind word to say to each other. Mr. B. now has a terminal illness, and you would think they’d be kinder to each other at a time like this. On the contrary, their fights are more groundless and vicious than ever. It is becoming increasingly difficult to be around them. This is when they need friends more than ever, but they’re driving everyone away! What can we do?

LOVE IS ALL WE NEED

**DEAR LOVE:** While you might imagine that when a spouse has a terminal illness it would bring the couple closer together, that is not always the case. Mr. B. may be frightened, angry, in pain and taking it out on his wife. Mrs. B. may be furious at her husband for being sick and dependent, and requiring her to have gone from being a wife to a caregiver. Also, they both may be settling old scores.

Because it’s painful to watch what’s going on but you want to be supportive, consider socializing with them separately. They may appreciate the time they get to spend away from each other.

**DEAR ABBY:** When does dieting become rude? I have always enjoyed inviting friends and family over for dinner. But lately it seems everyone is on some kind of diet and “can’t eat that.”

I fix healthy meals—free of fats, sugars and salt. If someone has a dietary restriction or wants to pass on dessert, I am fine with that, of course. I don’t like it, though, when my carefully prepared meals turn into leftovers or get thrown away off someone’s plate.

Why would anyone accept a dinner invitation and then turn into a picky guest? Would eating an average serving of a good meal once a week blow someone’s diet?

LOST THE JOY OF COOKING

**DEAR LOST THE JOY:** I’ll answer your questions in reverse order. Eating an “average serving of a good meal” once a week COULD blow someone’s diet, depending on the kind of diet the person is on. And the reason someone who is on a severely restricted diet would accept a dinner invitation on a weekly basis might be because he or she wants to see you, wants to see some of the other guests or doesn’t want to be left out. But for a conclusive answer, you need to query the dieter.

**DEAR ABBY:** My mother and I are very close, and I love her very much, but I have a problem. Mom goes on every single field trip with my class. There have even been times when she was the only parent in attendance. The teachers are grateful for her, but it’s becoming embarrassing. I’m a freshman in a private high school, and I want to start doing things more independently. What’s the best way to tell Mom before my next trip that I prefer she not go without hurting her feelings?

I’M A BIG GIRL NOW

**DEAR BIG GIRL:** Talk to your mother at a time when you are both calm. She needs to understand that her hovering is making you self-conscious when you need some independence. However, keep in mind that she may be the only parent who is volunteering and has the time to assist in the field trips—which is why the teachers are grateful. What I’m trying to convey is how important it is for you and your mother to communicate honestly with each other.

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#### Thailand tries tax breaks to lure foreign filming

BANGKOK (AP)—Thailand isn’t feeling a hangover from its Hollywood closeup. The host of “The Hangover Part II” is giving foreign actors a tax break to lure more movies here, earning filmmaking dollars and promoting tourism. Deputy Finance Minister Pradit Pattaraprasit said the Cabinet decided Tuesday that actors who live outside of Thailand will not be taxed on earnings from movies filmed in Thailand from this year through 2015. Thailand is expected to get massive exposure from the sequel to the blockbuster bachelor comedy “The Hangover.” The sequel starring Bradley Cooper and Zach Galifianakis moves the action from Las Vegas to Bang-

kok. The Thailand Film Office says the filmmakers spent about 500 million baht (\$16.7 million) over 40 days of shooting.

#### Playwright Edward Albee wins MacDowell Medal

NEW YORK (AP)—Edward Albee has received another top literary honor. The playwright won the Edward MacDowell Medal for outstanding achievement in his field. The MacDowell Colony, a leading artist colony, announced the award Tuesday. Albee, known for such plays as “Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?” and “A Delicate Balance,” has won three Pulitzer Prizes and three Tony Awards. Previous winners of the MacDowell medal include Merce Cunningham, Thornton Wilder

and Leonard Bernstein.

#### Obamas to tape episode of ‘Oprah Winfrey’ show

CHICAGO (AP)—President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama will appear on one of the final episodes of “The Oprah Winfrey Show.” Harpo Productions and the White House confirmed Tuesday that the Obamas would tape the episode April 27 at Harpo Studios in Chicago. The show is to air on May 2. Winfrey announced live on the show in November 2009 that she would end its run after 25 years. She has since has launched cable’s Oprah Winfrey Network. The last episode of “The Oprah Winfrey Show” will air May 25. The final episode brings an end to what has been television’s top-rated talk show for more than two decades. It airs

in 145 countries worldwide.

#### Official: Peyton Manning, wife parents of twins

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning has a new job, but it doesn’t involve throwing footballs—at least not yet. A spokesman for the Marion County Health Department says Manning and wife Ashley are the parents of twins. Spokesman John Althardt says birth certificates filed April 8 show Mosley Thompson Manning and brother Marshall Williams Manning were born March 31 in Indianapolis. The births came 10 days after Manning became an uncle. New York Giants quarterback Eli Manning and wife Abby became parents of a daughter on March 21.







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**BANK OF HAWAII,**  
Plaintiff,  
  
**vs.**  
  
**JOAQUIN S. REYES and MAGDALENA B. SALAS,**  
Defendants.

**CIVIL ACTION NO. 09-0014**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on November 1, 2009, I will sell, at public auction to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property:

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Date, Time and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on April 15, 2011, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., at Carlsmith Ball LLP, Carlsmith Building, Capitol Hill, Isa Drive, P.O. Box 5241, Saipan, MP 96950-5241. The sale will be opened to general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED: Saipan, MP, March 22, 2011.

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

**IN RE** **CIVIL ACTION NO. 11-0080**

**Calvin Barnhart** **NOTICE OF HEARING**

**Hearing Date: April 26, 2011**  
**Time: 1:30 p.m.**  
**Judge: Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja**

Please take notice that a hearing will be held in the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Room 205, House of Justice, Beach Rd., Saipan, CNMI, at 1:30 , p.m., on April 26, 2011, concerning the Probate of Wills and Petition for Letters of Administration for the Estate of Decedent Calvin Barnhart, signed on March 17, 2011.  
Respectfully Submitted,

Dated this 17th day of March, 2011.

/s/ David Lochabay  
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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

**IN RE THE GUARDIANSHIP OF**

**MARK VISAYA REYTAS,**  
An Incompetent,

**by**

**JOAQUIN PALAWAN REYTAS and PAULINA VISAYA REYTAS,**  
Petitioners.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Appointment of guardianship for the above named Incompetent person by Joaquin Reytas and Paulina V. Reytas Petitioners, was filed with the above-entitled Honorable Court and is open for review at the office of the Clerk of the said Court in Susupe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

A HEARING of said petition for Guardianship will held at the above-entitled Honorable Court at Guma Hustisia Building, Susupe, Saipan, NMI, before the Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja on the **12th day of May, 2011 at 10:00 am** or as soon as thereafter.

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# Lakers snap 5-game skid, but Bynum injured



**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Kobe Bryant scored 27 points and the Los Angeles Lakers snapped their five-game losing streak at a potentially high cost, losing center Andrew Bynum to a hyperextended right knee in a 102-93 victory over the San Antonio Spurs' role players Tuesday night.

The Lakers' hopes for a third straight NBA title might have taken a significant blow when Bynum fell to the court after stepping on DeJuan Blair's foot during the second period. The shot-blocking 7-footer will have an MRI on Wednesday while the Lakers wrap up the regular season at Sacramento.

Lamar Odom scored 23 points as the Lakers struggled to hold off the Spurs, who rested stars Tim Duncan, Manu Ginobili and Tony Parker with the Western Conference's top seed already wrapped up.

Gary Neal scored 16 points and Matt Bonner had 13 for the Spurs, whose four-game winning streak ended.

Spurs coach Gregg Popovich didn't worry about falling into a tie with surging Chicago (61-20) for the NBA's best overall record, yet his junior varsity nearly knocked off the discombobulated Lakers, who couldn't breathe easily until Bryant's 3-pointer put them up 96-88 with 2:55 to play.

Pau Gasol had 17 points and 17 rebounds for the Lakers (56-25), who will get the No. 2 seed in the West with a win at Sacramento or a loss by Dallas (56-25).

The Lakers hadn't won since April 1, falling apart after a sparkling 17-1 stretch. They still haven't fixed the defensive execution issues that have plagued them this month - but if Bynum's potential absence doesn't get the champs' attention, maybe it can't be got.

Bynum was hurt while getting back on defense, awkwardly tumbling to the court and nearly doing the splits while



Los Angeles Lakers' Andrew Bynum holds his knee on the floor after being hurt during the first half of an NBA basketball game against the San Antonio Spurs in Los Angeles, Tuesday, April 12, 2011.

putting an inordinate amount of weight on his right knee. After he walked to the locker room, Bynum told Phil Jackson at halftime he was "going to be OK," according to the coach.

Bryant describes the shot-blocking center as the Lakers' most important defensive player, and his absence from the 2008 NBA finals was one reason Los Angeles lost to Boston before winning the next two championship series with Bynum in the middle. Bynum had

surgery last summer to repair a torn meniscus in his right knee.

Bryant played with a short fuse and a scowl even before Bynum's injury. He earned his 15th technical foul of the season for arguing in the third quarter, picking up a T in his third straight game and moving right to the brink of an NBA-mandated one-game suspension.

Bryant punctuated the tantrum by punching a chair on the bench. If he gets another technical foul in the sea-

son finale, the suspension would be for the first game of next season.

If the Spurs and Bulls finish with the same record, every tiebreaker is even, so a random drawing would determine who got homecourt advantage in the NBA finals—a nonexistent concern to Popovich, a four-time NBA champion.

The Spurs' patchwork starting lineup included Gary Neal, Tiago Splitter and George Hill Jr. The Lakers took an early 10-point lead but couldn't hold it, giving

up a 13-1 run and going into halftime tied at 45 with the Spurs' role players.

San Antonio took a lead on Danny Green's jumper with 7:28 to play, but Odom's three-point play put the Lakers right back ahead.

## Bulls 103, Knicks 90

In New York, Derrick Rose scored 26 points to help the Chicago Bulls match the best record in the NBA this season with a win over the New York Knicks.

After Chicago's win and San Antonio's loss to the Lakers, the teams have identical 61-20 records. The tiebreakers are all even, so a random drawing would be held if both teams finish with the same record.

Carlos Boozer had 14 points and 22 boards for the Bulls, who won their eighth straight game.

Carmelo Anthony scored 21 points for the Knicks, who had their seven-game winning streak stopped.

Locked into the No. 6 seed and a first-round matchup with Boston, New York rested Amare Stoudemire for the third straight game, though his sprained left ankle was well enough to play.

## Trail Blazers 102, Grizzlies 89

In Portland, Oregon, LaMarcus Aldridge had 22 points and 11 rebounds as Portland locked up the sixth seed in the Western Conference with a victory over Memphis.

The Blazers, who won their third straight game, will have to wait until the regular season's final games Wednesday to learn their opponent for the first round of the playoffs.

Memphis, which played without starters Zach Randolph and Tony Allen, is still jockeying for seeding. The Grizzlies and New Orleans are fighting over the seventh and eighth seeds with just one game to play apiece.

Mike Conley led the Grizzlies with 17 points.

# Kings finale feels like farewell for Sacramento

**SACRAMENTO, California (AP)**—Some will cry. Others will protest. There will be signs of support and banners expressing anger. And in the end, no matter the score, everyone will say goodbye.

Maybe for the last time.

The deadline so many fans here have dreaded finally arrives Wednesday night when the Kings host the rival Los Angeles Lakers in what might be the final game in Sacramento. With the Kings mulling a move to Anaheim, "Fan Appreciation Night" suddenly feels like farewell.

"It's going to be a basketball funeral," said Robert Crashner, a Kings season-ticket holder for almost a decade. "Unless a miracle happens, I guess it's going to be over."

The outlook in California's capital city certainly seems gloomy.

Kings fans, most already talking about their team in the past tense, are still organizing for what will surely be an exhausting regular-season finale. Social-networking efforts have sprouted up and a sellout crowd is expected, with everything from a sit-in afterward to a boycott beforehand among the possibilities planned.

Signs reading "Save Our Kings" and billboards across town plastered "It's Not Over" have been the widespread themes thus far, and there will surely be

countless posters—maybe even a few cowbells—at the finale.

For most, the Lakers game offers a chance to vent any feelings—frustration, anger, joy, whatever—one last time.

"It's a Hail Mary pass, it's the bottom of the ninth, it's the 15th round, whatever sports analogy you want to use," said Carmichael Dave, a Sacramento sports-talk host who helped form the group "Here We Build," a grass roots initiative aimed at raising funds for a new arena.

"We're going down with a fight."

Hours after the final buzzer sounds, the NBA Board of Governors will begin meeting a continent away in New York to start deciding Sacramento's basketball fate.

Kings owners Joe and Gavin Maloof, who are not expected to attend the season finale, are scheduled to make a pitch to fellow owners to move the franchise to Anaheim next season, and Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson—a former NBA All-Star—also will attend the meeting to plead the city's case to keep the franchise.

The Maloofs have until Monday to officially file for permission to relocate, and a vote would likely come within weeks of that request. All that's required is approval by a simple majority

of the owners, and no NBA team has ever been denied permission to move in the 27 years under Commissioner David Stern.

The only thing guaranteed for Sacramento is 48 more minutes of professional basketball.

"The not knowing part—it stinks," Kings forward Donte Greene said. "I don't know what I'm going to do if we leave. I know the fans are going to be hurt, and I feel for them."

Only a few years ago this scenario wouldn't have seemed possible.

Sacramento was a thriving NBA franchise that produced sellout streaks of 497 and 354 straight games. The building formerly known as Arco Arena provided one of the most notorious home-court advantages in the league, a place where fans clanked cowbells so loud opposing coaches and players pleaded to have the noisemakers banned.

The Kings won an NBA-best 61 games in the 2001-02 season behind Chris Webber and Vlade Divac, losing to the eventual champion Lakers in the Western Conference finals at home in a decisive Game 7.

"This was a special city when I was here," said Rick Adelman, the coach of those memorable Kings teams. "The fans were incredible. It would

be sad to see them leave. It is hard for me to believe there won't be a team in Sacramento."

Sacramento, with budget deficits and heavy job losses during the economic downturn, has turned down initiatives for years to contribute public dollars to replace or upgrade the aging arena. The Kings have steadily declined, and so has fan interest.

So the Maloofs began exploring other options.

Anaheim's Honda Center in Orange County offers high-priced corporate sponsors the Central Valley can't match and an NBA-ready arena with more luxury suites and improved sightlines, perhaps outweighing the downside of competing with the Lakers and Los Angeles Clippers in the same market.

Anaheim's City Council already has issued the bonds needed to entice the Kings to move, new federal trademark names—Anaheim Royals, among them—have been requested and about everything else to move the franchise is in motion.

Still, some Kings fans hold out hope that maybe, just maybe, it will all fall apart.

"When I walk out after the season finale, I have to believe it's not over," Crashner said. "If I didn't, it would be too sad to ever leave."

# UConn's Kemba Walker to enter NBA draft

**STORRS, Conn. (AP)**—Connecticut's Kemba Walker said the school's decision to put his name and number on the wall of its basketball arena helped him decide it was time to head to the NBA.

"I think from that point out it did, because it was like coach just kicked me out," the junior All-American said. "It says 2008 to 2011 (on the banner), so it was like he's (saying), 'Let's get him out of here.'"

Walker announced Tuesday he will enter the June draft. He said he has not hired an agent, but has been talking to them.

"There's no chance that I'm coming back," Walker said before joking: "Coach, like he said, he doesn't have a scholarship for me."

The 6-foot-1 guard led the Huskies to a 32-9 record, including an 11-0 postseason run that ended with a national championship. Walker is expected to be a first-round pick, and perhaps the second guard chosen behind Duke's Kyrie Irving.

Walker said he's been motivated by criticism that he's too short and won't be able to guard players in the NBA.

"Hopefully, I can go into the NBA and once again prove all the doubters wrong, like I've been doing my whole life" he said.



# Werth leads Nationals to 7-4 win over Phillies



**WASHINGTON (AP)**—Jayson Werth homered and doubled to

lead the Washington Nationals to a 7-4 win over the Philadelphia Phillies on Tuesday in his first appearance against his former team since leaving as a free agent.

Werth doubled to start a three-run fourth inning for the Nationals, then homered in the fifth to put Washington up 5-1.

Werth signed a \$126 million, seven-year contract with the Nationals in the offseason. Phillies fans in the stadium booed him each time he came up to bat or fielded a fly ball in right field during the game.

Livan Hernandez (1-1) allowed one run on seven hits, struck out six and didn't walk a batter in 6 2-3 innings.

Joe Blanton (0-1) gave up five runs on seven hits in six innings.

## Astros 11, Cubs 2

In Houston, Angel Sanchez tied a career high with four hits as the Astros romped to victory over Chicago.

Brett Myers (1-0) allowed eight hits and one run in seven innings to improve his career record against Chicago to 11-3.

Houston scored three runs off Cubs starter James Russell (1-1) in the first inning, two more in the second and built a 7-0 lead after Sanchez knocked in two runs with a single in the fourth.

Russell was making his first career start after 59 relief appearances as a replacement for the injured Andrew Cashner.

## Braves 5, Nationals 0

In Atlanta, Tommy Hanson pitched seven scoreless innings for his first victory and Jason Heyward and Brian McCann both homered to lead Atlanta past Florida.

The Braves had struggled offensively in their first 10 games of the season, scoring three runs or fewer seven times—including both of Hanson's starts.

Hanson (1-2) gave up just four hits on the mound. Heyward homered in the fourth and McCann in the fifth.

Chris Volstad (0-1) took the loss after allowing eight hits and all five runs.

## Giants 5, Dodgers 4

In San Francisco, Aaron Rowand tripled to lead off the seventh and scored the go-ahead run moments later on a wild pitch as San Francisco beat Los Angeles.

Rowand added an RBI single in the fifth. The triple was just his fifth in the



Washington Nationals' Jayson Werth (28) is followed by teammates as they are congratulated by Nationals staff after a 7-4 win the against the Philadelphia Phillies in a baseball game at Nationals Park on Tuesday, April 12, 2011, in Washington.

regular season in five years.

Jeremy Affeldt (1-0) earned the win despite allowing pinch-hitter Marcus Thames' tying homer to start the seventh. Brian Wilson got his first save of the year. He had a major-league leading 48 last season.

The defending World Series champions beat the Dodgers for only the second time in five tries this year.

## Reds 8, Padres 2, 11 innings

In San Diego, Ryan Hanigan hit the go-ahead double and Drew Stubbs launched a three-run homer as Cincinnati scored six runs in the 11th inning to defeat San Diego.

The Padres nearly won in the ninth when Cameron Maybin hit a drive with two outs and the bases loaded, but right fielder Jay Bruce ran the ball down in the right-center field gap.

Logan Ondrusek (2-0) got the win, despite loading the bases in the ninth and 10th innings. Ondrusek, who was 5-0 last season as a rookie, became the first Reds pitcher to start his career 7-0

since 1986-87.

## Diamondbacks 13, Cardinals 8

In Phoenix, Justin Upton and Juan Miranda each hit three-run homers and Chris Young added a two-run shot as Arizona topped St. Louis.

Armando Galarraga (2-0) allowed five runs on nine hits in five innings to earn the victory.

Chris Carpenter, who came in 4-0 in 10 career starts against Arizona, gave up at least one run in every inning he pitched—eight total in four innings—and dropped to 0-2.

Lance Berkman, David Freese and Colby Rasmus had solo home runs for St. Louis.

## Angels 2, Indians 0

In Anaheim, California, Dan Haren pitched a one-hitter as the Los Angeles Angels beat Cleveland to end the Indians' eight-game winning streak.

Haren (3-0) struck out eight and walked two in his third major league shutout. He allowed only Shin-Soo

Choo's single to center field in the fourth inning.

Peter Bourjos and Mark Trumbo homered for the Angels off Fausto Carmona (0-2). Los Angeles won with just four hits.

Haren threw 125 pitches in his 12th complete game in 225 career starts.

## Tigers 5, Rangers 4

In Detroit, Venezuelan slugger Miguel Cabrera hit a bases-loaded single in the ninth inning as Detroit beat Texas.

After Texas leveled the score at 4 in the eighth with a run off reliever Joaquin Benoit, Jose Valverde (1-0) worked a scoreless ninth to get the win.

The Rangers were trying to start 10-1 for just the second time in team history.

Texas' Josh Hamilton broke his upper right arm sliding headfirst into the plate in the first inning. He's expected to miss six to eight weeks.

## Rays 3, Red Sox 2

In Boston, Darnell McDonald hit a home run and David Price pitched solidly for 7

2-3 innings as Tampa Bay beat Boston in a matchup of the AL's two worst teams.

Price (1-2) allowed five hits before leaving the game with runners at first and second. Reliever Joel Peralta ended the eighth by getting Jed Lowrie to fly out.

Kyle Farnsworth worked a perfect ninth for his second save.

Lowrie hit an RBI double in the sixth for the Red Sox, who were coming off two wins over the New York Yankees.

With the loss, Boston (2-9) matched its worst start in club history.

## Mariners 3, Blue Jays 2

In Seattle, rookie Michael Pineda took a shutout into the eighth inning for his first major league victory, helping Seattle beat Toronto.

The 22-year-old Pineda gave up just five hits and struck out seven in 7 1-3 innings. It was his second career start.

Ryan Langerhans hit a two-run homer in the third off Ricky Romero (1-1).

Brandon League pitched the ninth for his second save.

## White Sox 6, Athletics 5, 10 innings

In Chicago, Alexei Ramirez hit his second homer of the game with two outs in the 10th inning to lift Chicago past Oakland.

Ramirez also hit a three-run shot in the second inning and scored a run after drawing a walk in the sixth.

Chicago reliever Chris Sale (2-0) picked up the win with two shutout innings.

Daric Barton had four hits and scored a run, and Kevin Kouzmanoff hit a two-run homer for Oakland.

Japanese star Hideki Matsui, who entered the game hitting .182, had three hits and drove in two runs.

## Twins 4, Royals 3, 10 innings

In Minneapolis, Danny Valencia hit a bases-loaded single with one out in the 10th inning to give Minnesota the win over Kansas City.

While the Twins' bullpen pitched four perfect innings, including the 10th by Dusty Hughes (1-0), reliever Robinson Tejeda (0-1) failed the Royals.

After Tejeda gave up a one-out single to Delmon Young and walked Michael Cuddyer, Jason Kubel drove a pitch to right-center to load the bases for Valencia.

Royals starter Jeff Francis was stuck with his third straight no-decision.

# Legal team for NFL players meet with judge



**MINNEAPOLIS (AP)**—With the lockout at one month and counting, attorneys for NFL players sat down Tuesday with

the federal magistrate who will oversee court-ordered mediation with the league later this week.

Attorneys and Hall of Fame defensive end Carl Eller met with U.S. Magistrate Judge Arthur Boylan for about four hours.

Boylan "was very open" and "it was a very constructive session," said Michael Hausfeld, the lead attorney representing Eller and a group of mostly retired players in their antitrust lawsuit against the owners. Other attorneys declined comment.

The meeting came on the same day the NFL released its 2011 preseason schedule, led by the Hall of Fame Game between Chicago and St. Louis in Canton, Ohio, on Aug. 7.

Whether the games are held remains an open question. The NFL's attorneys are scheduled to meet with Boylan on Wednesday before mediation begins on Thursday, the first talks since collective bargaining negotiations broke down March 11, followed hours later by the NFL's first work stoppage since 1987.

Boylan has a reputation as a problem-solver, though what he can accomplish after more than two weeks of mediated talks fell short last month in Washington remains to be seen. He has been a magistrate since 1996 and

presided over numerous mediations, including a \$195 million settlement between Boston Scientific and about 4,000 claims involving heart defibrillators and pacemakers made by Guidant Corp. in 2007.

He'll need to be at his best in this session because the rancor between the two sides has grown increasingly bitter as the dispute landed in court.

"If the parties would rather take their shot for litigation, you could make them sit there forever and there still won't be an outcome," said Seth Borden, a labor law expert at McKenna, Long and Aldridge in New York.

U.S. District Judge Susan Richard Nelson ordered the mediation on Monday. Nelson is still considering an in-

junction request from the players to lift the lockout imposed by owners after the players dissolved their union, clearing the way for the court fight. Players including MVP quarterbacks Tom Brady and Peyton Manning filed the injunction request in federal court here along with a class-action antitrust suit against the league.

Retirees, including Eller, filed their own lawsuit, and the cases have been consolidated.

"What happened today in mediation was for the mediator to become more knowledgeable about positions of the Brady plaintiffs and the Eller plaintiffs and understand their overlap and their positions on respective issues," Hausfeld said.

Nelson has ordered both sides to keep mediation details confidential, urging both sides to get "back to the table." The NFL said it wanted to resume talks with federal mediator George Cohen in Washington following 16 days of unsuccessful collective bargaining negotiations, but the players wanted to hold any mediation under Nelson's auspices.

Nelson's decision on the injunction could swing leverage in the case one way or the other, so it is unclear how eager either party will be to enter into serious settlement discussions pending her ruling.

"Both parties are going to go into this (mediation) balancing what they might be able to accomplish through direct negotiations against the prospect of getting something worse than that possibly if the judge is going to rule," Borden said.



OL-ACES

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The win improved Ol’Aces’ record to 4-6, while the Red Sox dropped their ninth game in 12 outings.

The Red Sox did manage to edge out the Tan Siu Lin-Rep. Fred DLGuerrero-Rep. Ramon S. Basa Kagman Lions (3-5), 11-9, but fell to the BTS Survivors (8-2), 6-3, on Sunday.

Other winners from Saturday include IT&E Fielders (9-0) trouncing Ol’Aces, 9-6, and the Natibu Tanapag Falcons (4-4) pounding the Lions, 22-6.

Ol’Aces 4, Red Sox 3

Ol’Aces scored their lone four runs in the top of the first inning off two hits, three walks, and some errors.

Mike Muna hit an RBI single and scored later off an error. Verlance Secharmedal stole home after reaching off an error and Oscar Stefano drilled an RBI ground out in the inning.

Then after two scoreless frames, the Red Sox managed two runs in the top of the

fourth off two hits and an error. Jonathan Cabrera ripped an RBI single and Alex Mongkeya reached off a hit and soon after stole third base and home plate.

Red Sox then made it a one-run game, 3-4, in the sixth off a fielder’s choice, but Ol’Aces held on for the win.

After the Ol’Aces’ four runs in the first inning, they only manage three base runners for the rest of the game.

Losing pitcher Mongkeya came to the mound to close the final out of that inning, and from there, pitched four and a third shutout frames and gave up just one hit and a walk with two strikeouts; he also batted 2-for-3 with two runs.

Mongkeya’s numbers were actually better than wining pitcher Jhace Palacios who gave up two earned runs in five and a third innings off six hits and two walks with six strikeouts.

Unfortunately, due to time constraints, this nail-biter of a game was cut off an inning short.

IT&E Fielders 9, Ol’Aces 6

Ol’Aces took an early 2-0 lead in

the first inning off three hits, but IT&E Fielders got a run back in the bottom frame off a passed ball.

Ol’Aces then went ahead 4-1 in the second off errors and scored again off an error to start the third inning. Then IT&E trailed, 3-5, in the bottom off a triple by Davin Ada and an RBI groundout by Khobby Kaipat.

Ol’Aces added a run in the fourth off a double by Verlance Secharmedal, but IT&E made it a one-run game, 4-5, in the bottom off a pair of passed balls.

IT&E’s Cody Kaipat was called to the mound in relief for Keene Guerrero to close the last out in the top of the inning.

He went on to hold Ol’Aces scoreless in the last three frames, while his team went on to steal the win in the sixth inning with four runs off an RBI single by Ian Rogolifo and a clutch double by Jack Espinoza.

Red Sox 11, Lions 9

Lions took an early 3-0 lead in the opening frame off a triple by Cedric Ada, an error, and a stolen dish by Jiroh Yobech who reached off a fielder’s choice.

at the Oleai Sports Complex Field, MP United topped Matansa, 6-3.

The victory improved MP United’s record to 4-1-0 and kept the team in the No. 1 spot in the four-squad field. The loss dropped Matansa to a 2-0-3 slate for third place.

Paul Yoon Jin Han had a hat-trick for MP United, which also got two goals from Chris Park. Dae Min Jeon was the other scorer for MP United. Han now has 10 goals to lead the league.

Ichitaro Faisao paced Matansa with his two goals, while Brandon Camacho chipped in one.

The Lions then added three more runs in the second off and error and a pair of singles by Ada and Brel Yobech. Red Sox left the bases loaded in the bottom frame.

The Lions bats cooled at the start of the third and the Red Sox pulled within a run, 5-6, in the bottom frame. Jonathan Cabrera belted a two-RBI triple and scored off a passed ball; the other two runs came in off errors.

Lions left a man at third to start the fourth and the Red Sox took the lead, 7-6, off errors in the bottom frame.

Lions came up empty again in the fifth and the Red Sox added four runs to their lead in the bottom off an error, a fielder’s choice, and a hit to go with a two-run inside-the-park homer by Alex Mongkeya.

The Lions only managed three runs in the sixth, but were held scoreless in their final stand.

Survivors 6, Red Sox 3

Back on Saturday, the Survivors managed a 4-0 lead after three innings with a run in the second frame off a wild pitch and three

more in the third off an RBI base rip by Jeremy Lizama and an RBI ground out; Lizama stole home later in the inning.

Red Sox managed two runs in the top of the fourth off a single by Jonathan Cabrera, but Survivors got a run back in the bottom frame when Phillip Sablan led off with a double and later stole home.

Red Sox answered with a run off a double by Juan DLGuerrero to start the fifth, but Survivors got it back off a lead off triple by Isiah Cruz, who scored later off passed ball in the bottom frame. From there the Survivors held Red Sox scoreless in the final two innings.

Lizama batted 3-for-4 with an RBI and a run. Cruz swung 2-for-3 with a pair of runs.

Falcons 22, Lions 9

The Lions took an early 3-0 lead in the opening frame off three hits, a walk, and an RBI double by Brel Yobech.

The Falcons then answered with a pair of runs off two hits and

some errors in the top of the third, but the Lions added a run in the bottom frame off an error.

After a quiet fourth, the Falcons pulled ahead, 5-4 in the top of the fourth off a two-RBI triple by Frankie Norita and an RBI base rip by Darion Jones. However, the Lions tied the game off an error in the bottom frame. After the damage in the top of the inning, Lions pitcher Justin Santos was called in for Justin Reyes to close the last two outs.

After five competitive innings, the Lions came undone and went through two more pitchers in the sixth frame as seven runs came to the plate off four walks, two hits, a double, and errors.

The Lions managed three runs in the bottom half, but would later trail the Falcons, 19-8, in the next inning as seven more Falcons came home to start the seventh off errors, five walks, two hits, two doubles and a pair of triples. The Falcons knocked out two more pitchers in the last frame before giving up just one run to the Lions in their final stand.

PAIRE

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Matansa’s victory, while Sean Perez had twin goals. Bucayo and Perez are now tied for the most goals logged so far in the season with seven apiece. Jireh Yobech also scored for Matansa. Kenneth Domingo and Abundo Besenio made one goal each for Tan Holdings.

With the win, Matansa kept its pace with MP United, which drew a bye in last weekend’s schedule. Matansa holds a 3-0-1 slate against MP United’s 3-0-0 card.

Paire 5, Shirley’s 0

In the other boys U15 match at the CPA pitch, Paire blanked Shirley’s FC, 5-0.

Paire drew one goal each from Jeff Cheon, Brian Lee, Billy Hinson, David Yang, and Ethan Dickinson to make it to the win column after losing its first two games.

Shirley’s has yet to win, drawing one game and dropping two matches.

BOYS U18 MP United 6, Matansa 3

In the first game in the boys U14

NATIBU

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runs in the opening frame, but Natibu answered and took a 7-3 lead in the bottom frame.

Berdax came back and took a brief 8-7 lead in the second off three hits, but Natibu fired back again with four runs in the bottom frame.

Berdax then took a 15-11 lead in the top of the third before blanking Natibu in the bottom frame.

Natibu returned the favor in the top of the fourth before managing a run in the bottom off a solo shot by Kent Kalen.

After a quiet fifth, Natibu pulled within a run, 14-15, in the bottom of the sixth off errors.

Berdax went ahead, 18-14, in the top of the seventh, but Natibu pulled off the last inning rally in a dramatic fashion and tied the game off errors, a sacrifice fly, and a fielder’s choice before setting up a walk off a three-run homer by Nokki Saralu.

Natibu 20, Salty’s 4

Natibu gashed Salty’s right away with six runs off an error, a pair of RBI singles, a two-RBI base rip by B.J. Sablan and a double by Lawrence Dikito.

Salty’s managed a run but left

two runners stranded in the bottom half before Natibu piled on 11 more runs in the top of the third.

Salty’s managed three runs off a homerun by J.D. Dikito, but Natibu ended the game two batters later. Natibu’s J.R. Suel and Nokki Saralu accounted for 11 runs in the match.

Calikano Groupers 28, Salty’s 3

Groupers shot way out in front, 8-0, in the bottom of the first inning off a walk, four hits, and two doubles that went with a three-run homerun by Ben Falig.

They kept Salty’s at bay in the top of the second and added five more runs in the bottom frame.

Salty’s finally hit the board with a two-run jack by Harlan Reyes, but Groupers got a run back in the bottom frame off an error.

Melvin Aldan then scored Salty’s last run with a solo shot in the top of the fourth before Groupers cut a 14-run gash in the bottom frame for the early decision.

Familia 18, Laolao Bay 3

Laolao forced Familia to go 1-2-3 and struck first in the opening frame with a run off two hits,

but Familia came alive with four runs in the top of the second and never looked back.

Familia only answered with one run in the bottom frame off base hit by Jake Lizama, but Familia extended its lead to 10, 12-2, in the top half of the third.

Familia manufactured eight runs off five hits, an error, and a fielder’s choice to go with a grand slam bash by Greg Camacho.

Laolao mustered a run in the bottom frame, but Familia tacked on six more runs in the top of the fourth inning.

Sakudi 13, NMC Proa 6

Sakudi jumped on top early with six runs in the bottom of the first inning off eight hits.

Proa tightened up its defense in the next two innings and managed to halve its deficit, 3-6, in the top of the third.

Sakudi stuffed Proa to start the fourth and then lashed back in the bottom frame and shot ahead, 12-3, off six hits and a three-run homer by Rachel Salalila.

Proa managed a run in the top of the fifth, but Sakudi got it back in the bottom frame.

Enamo Meta 12, T&C Clan 5

Enamao Meta built an early 3-0

Paire 3, Independents 0

In the second game, Paire shutout Independents, 3-0.

Zhi Peng Lin put Paire in the scoreboard in the 18th minute of the first half for the team’s 1-0 lead. Then with only four minutes gone by in the second half, Yong Park found the back of the net for Paire’s 2-0 lead. Mason Fruit made it a 3-0 count with his goal in the 55th minute.

Paire improved to a 3-1-1 record for second place in the team standings, while Independents absorbed its fifth loss in as many games.

lead in the opening frame off a fielder’s choice, two errors, and a two-RBI double by Jovie Omar.

T&C Clan managed to get a run back off an RBI double by Zera Castro, but Enamo went ahead, 8-1, in the top of the second off an error, four hits, and a triple by Omar.

T&C came up empty in the bottom frame and Enamo added a run at the start of the third.

No dice again for T&C in the bottom half and Enamo extended its lead to 11-1 in the top of the fourth.

T&C got stuffed for the third time in a row and gave up another run in the bottom of the fourth off fielder’s choice.

Then T&C mustered four runs in its final stand off four hits, a walk and some errors, but Enamo pulled it together in the end for the win.

Chamolinian softball action continues tomorrow night with men’s Island Apparel X-Clusive (4-3) taking on Berdax (3-4) at 6:30pm, followed by a 7:30pm women’s match featuring Check It Out (1-6) against Enamo Meta. The evening concludes with an 8:30pm men’s game between Red Eye (3-6) and G-Ballers (3-5).

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dation Open golf tournament, the Foundation’s signature event, raises funds for NMC’s educational programs and services.

“We are extremely glad to be part of this event and to help advance higher education in the CNMI,” said Dial Rent-to-Own general manager Alex Villazon.

The NMC Foundation is a non-profit organization composed of community volunteers committed to improving higher education opportunities for students in the CNMI.

“The NMC Foundation is very grateful to Dial Rent-to-Own for their continued support and commitment to improving and promoting higher education in the CNMI,” said Ivan Quichocho, vice president of NMC Foundation.

Through funds raised from past golf tournaments, the NMC Foundation was able to construct and refurbish a new Language and Humanities Department building. The department’s new building, Building

M, was opened in December 2009 to provide students with better learning facilities and learning tools.

The 9th Annual NMC Foundation Open golf tournament will be held at the Saipan LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort (west course) on April 30 with a shotgun start at 7am and will follow a medal play format.

Tournament prizes for first, second, and third places for the six flights include cash and roundtrip tickets (Continental Asia and Micronesia). There will also be significant hole-in-one prizes for the lucky golfer who makes the shot.

There will be six separate flight categories: Championship, A, B, C, seniors, and ladies. The entrance fee is \$95 per player. Registration forms can be downloaded from www.nmcnet.edu, or picked up at the NMC Cashier’s Office, Saipan Laolao Bay Golf & Resort, or Triple J Motors.

For more information on how to donate to the NMC Foundation or to register to play, log on to www.nmcnet.edu or call 234-5498 ext. 1050. (NMC)

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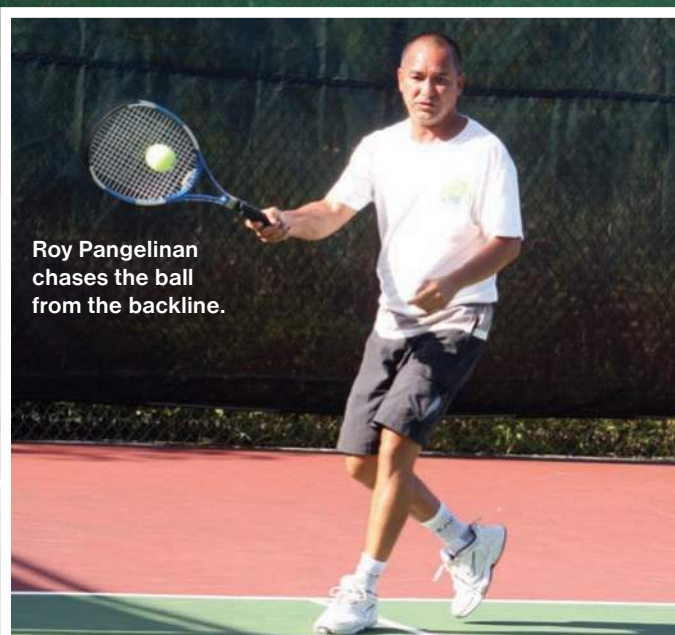
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Negahr Rastguiy returns to Nikki Borja and Tony Reyes during a mixed 3.0 doubles match.



Julia Ishikawa, right, returns from the backline, while Amy Tsukagoshi looks on.



Roy Pangelinan chases the ball from the backline.



Clayton Izuka goes for a powerful return.

Colin Ramsey gets ready to serve during his and Negahr Rastguiy's doubles game against Nikki Borja and Tony Reyes in the 2011 PIC Tennis Championships over the weekend at the Pacific Islands Club hard courts.



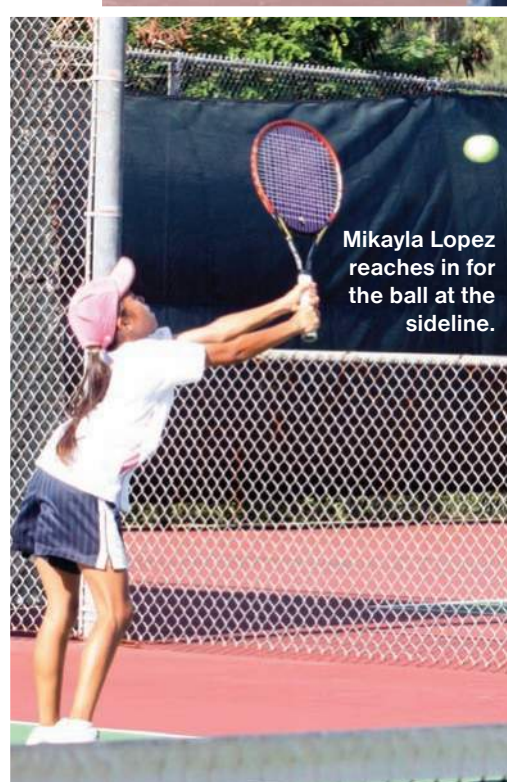
Alex Park goes for a forehand return during his and Clayton Izuka's semis game over Ken Song and Lloyd Kim.



Peter Loyola serves against Roy Pangelinan and Mikayla Lopez.



Carol Lee goes for a practice serve during a warm-up for her and Isabel Heras' doubles game against Amy Tsukagoshi and Julia Ishikawa.



Mikayla Lopez reaches in for the ball at the sideline.



Lydia Tan serves while teammate Peter Loyola looks on during their mixed open doubles game against Roy Pangelinan and Mikayla Lopez.





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## Ol'Aces hold off Red Sox, 4-3

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BTS Survivors' Jeremy Lizama, seen here in a file photo, batted 3-for-4 with an RBI and a run in last Sunday's 6-3 win over the Bank of Saipan Red Sox as the Junior League continued at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

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**M**artha's Store Ol'Aces snuck past the Bank of Saipan Red Sox, 4-3, in their Junior Division makeup game in the 2011 Saipan Little League Baseball Association Tuesday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

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## Natibu wins 11th in a row; Sakudi paces women's

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Natibu and Sakudi remain in front of their respective men's and women's divisions in the 2nd Annual Budweiser Slow-Pitch Softball League after the conclusion of last two playing dates held at the Capitol Hill Ballfield.

Natibu mounted a last-inning comeback on Friday to sneak past Berdax, 21-18, and smoked Salty's, 20-4, on Monday to extend its undefeated streak to 11 in men's play.

Second place Phat Boyz, for its part, remained undefeated but is four wins back as a result of rainouts. The two losses dropped Salty's to a 6-4 card in the 15-team men's division.

Sakudi paces the five-team women's division after notching its seventh win in eight games on Monday with a 13-6 victory over NMC Proa (3-4).

Enamo (6-1) is a game back and kept pace with Sakudi following a 12-5 win over T&C Clan (1-6) Friday.

Other Monday and Friday winners include Calikano Groupers (4-6), who thrashed Salty's, 28-3; and Familia, who brushed off Laolao Bay, 18-3.

### Natibu 21, Berdax 18

Berdax struck first with three

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## Paire, MP United triumph

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Paire Football Club handed Matansa its first loss in a long time, while MP United finally broke into the win column as the regular season of the girls U15 division of the 2011 NMIFA Youth Spring League continued Saturday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

Paire edged Matansa, 1-0, off Mikaela Duenas' goal a few minutes before the first half ended. The victory allowed Paire to tie Matansa on the top of the team standings, as these two teams hold identical 3-1-1 win-draw-loss records.

The loss was Matansa's first in more than two years, reminding the team not to rest on its laurels despite dominating the age group in the past several seasons.

In the other game at the Hopwood pitch, MP United shut out Tan Holdings FC, 3-0, to notch its first win in five games.

Seoung Hyun Lee knocked in a pair of goals for MP United, while Gabrielle Race added one. All goals came in the first half.

### BOYS U15 Matansa 7, Tan Holdings 2

Over at the CPA Field, Matansa clobbered Tan Holdings FC in the first game in the boys U15, 7-2.

David Bucayo had a single-game best four goals in

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO

MP United and Tan Holdings players battle for the ball during the first half of their girls U15 game in the NMIFA youth league last Saturday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

## Dial Rent-to-Own presents \$5K to NMC Foundation



Dial Rent-to-Own general manager Alex Villazon, left, presents Northern Marianas College Foundation vice president Ivan Quichocho a check for \$5,000. The donation was made in support of the NMC Foundation's 9th Annual Open golf tournament.



Rent-to-Own recently presented a \$5,000 donation to the North-

ern Marianas College Foundation. The donation was made in support of the NMC Foundation's upcoming golf tournament on Saturday, April 30, 2011.

The 9th Annual NMC Foun-

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